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# STUDIES OF THE VEGETATION OF MISSOURI—I

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## INTRODUCTION

The present paper is the result of observations and records made by the author while collecting and making a systematic study of the flora of Missouri during the past fifteen years. He does not profess to be a trained ecologist in the modern usage of that term. As a taxonomist who, in making a systematic study of the flora, has collected in every county of the state in order to make the thorough phytogeographical survey that was necessary to the understanding of the distribution and limitations of species and varieties, he has observed, collected, and recorded the flora found in every conceivable type of association (in the usual sense employed for this expression) in the state. Specimens of all the plants mentioned in the present paper may be found in the Herbarium of the Missouri Botanical Garden and in the Herbarium of Field Museum. Such specimens form a concrete and definite basis for the observations made in this paper. Moreover, they serve as the only tangible evidence whereby the statements made by the author may be verified or refuted.

The terms "association," "consociation," "associes," "society," "climax," and "dominant" used in the present paper are to be applied in the ordinary and usual sense in which they are employed generally by ecologists in the United States, and agree with the concept of these terms as originally given by Warming,<sup>1</sup> Weaver and Clements,<sup>2</sup> and many others. The 164 examples given at the end of the paper represent actual areas of ground surveyed in detail by the author in making observations within the Ozarks. They may be considered as large-scale, natural plots selected because they represent typical cross sections which occur in diverse areas within the Ozark region.

## NATURAL PLANT ASSOCIATIONS AND SUCCESSION IN THE OZARKS OF MISSOURI

Some of the stages of succession noted here will be found in parts of the state other than the Ozarks, for example, in the glaciated

<sup>1</sup> E. Warming, *Oecology of plants*. 422 pp. Clarendon Press, Oxford, England. 1909.

<sup>2</sup> J. E. Weaver and F. E. Clements, *Plant ecology*. 520 pp. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York. 1929.

prairie region north of the Missouri River and outside the Ozarks, or in the southeastern lowland area, or in the unglaciated prairie region of west-central and southwestern Missouri.

Attention should be called to the fact that the past and intricate geological history of the Ozark region has been one of the chief factors in causing the migration and present distributional status of many of the species. For example, the present distribution of the bald cypress and other southeastern lowland species in Missouri is delimited by the incursion of the Mississippi embayment in past geological periods. Again, the present northern and northwestern limits of the southern yellow pine and species with similar distribution in the Ozarks of Missouri do not result primarily from any factors of the soil or climate of the present, since similar conditions are encountered in northern Missouri, but rather from factors of past geological history, such as the extermination by glaciers of the Ozark flora north of the Ozark region, or a climatic disturbance causing a block or change in migration, or elimination of habitats previously suitable to the species but now exterminated north of the Ozark region.

The Ozark flora is an extremely varied one, and its composition has been made much more intricate and complex by the uplifts and peneplanations of the land, varied rock formations, and long history as a land area since the end of the Paleozoic era. This accounts for the great number and variety of stages of development within a given plant association.

Reference is here made to *Plant ecology* by Weaver and Clements. It will be found that a number of conclusions reached in this report differ in some ways from those made in that publication. The reasons for this are several. In the first place, no critical study of the natural plant successions in the Ozark flora has previously been attempted. Thus, while some general statements in Weaver and Clements' book hold true, a number of large generalizations made in that work to cover the region in which the Ozarks are located, concerning climax formations and associations, do not hold. Further than this, these authors, by stressing the physical factors of the soil, have not sufficiently considered variations in the chemical nature of the soil or the past geological history of the region as factors which might cause different stages in development of an association or account for the appearance of certain consocieties and dominants. Thus, for example, the maple-beech forest is regarded by them as a typical association of the deciduous forest climax formation; but, in Missouri, this

formation is found only in the southeastern portion, and mainly on Crowleys Ridge, the beech being limited to this part of the state on account of the past geological history and the meanderings of the Mississippi River and the relation of this to the Crowleys Ridge area. The beech could, on the basis of soil and climatic conditions and its shade tolerance, grow farther west where the maple is found, but past geological history has restricted it to its present area. In the Ozarks the sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) forms a climax with some of the oaks (*Quercus alba* and *Q. borealis* var. *maxima*) along rich, wooded slopes and bluffs, rather than with beech. Furthermore, the sugar maple climax is not reached unless the soil ranges from neutral to alkaline, for where acid soils exist, other climax species, such as *Quercus coccinea* and *Pinus echinata*, are found. In the Ozarks the acidity of the soils plays an important part in causing different stages and units of succession, and many of the associates owe their appearance in the development of the vegetation to the particular stage of substratum decomposition or formation. Thus, in the Ozarks, the basis for the appearance and difference in the oak-hickory or pine-oak association on the one hand and the sugar maple association on the other, lies in the acidity and chemical nature of the soil, rather than, as Weaver and Clements maintain, in the physical or moisture condition of the soil. The limiting factor, in other words, appears to be the presence or absence of limestone, rather than soil moisture and shade. This will be discussed further in this paper.

In Missouri different types of soils within a limited region appear to result in entirely different associations and climaxes. For so limited an area this conclusion is at variance with the single climax type admitted for the region included within the Ozarks by Weaver and Clements. However, some of the Old World ecologists appear to confirm the conclusions reached by the present author. Du Rietz,<sup>1</sup> for example, points out that "contrary to the monoclimax theory developed by Clements and Braun-Blanquet, I find it necessary, however, to maintain the polyclimax theory developed by Domin, Gams, Gleason, Nichols, Nordhagen, Scharfetter, Tansley, myself, etc., i.e., to admit that several climax-phytocoenoses—in many cases with very little relationship to each other—may occur side by side in the same vegetation region, but in edaphically different habitats. . . . My own field experience certainly does not support the theory of the power of a uniform climate to transform all these edaphically different habitats into one comparatively uniform 'climax-habitat' ('climax-

<sup>1</sup> G. Einar du Rietz, Classification and nomenclature of vegetation. Svensk. Bot. Tidskr. 24, H. 4, p. 497. 1930.

soil,' etc.), as postulated by the monoclimate theory." The author continues his discussion by showing that in various places in Europe many climaxes are developed in the same region. He states<sup>1</sup> that "in the *Quercus* region of south Sweden, for instance, certainly both *Quercus* forests and *Picea-Pinus* forests, among others, must be admitted as climax-phytocoenoses, the former on better and the latter on poorer soils. In the case of the alpine vegetation regions of the Alps and of Scandinavia, there is a complete agreement among Scandinavian ecologists that the dominating dwarf-shrub-heath and grass-heath of the acid and moderately snow-covered ground in the low-alpine and middle-alpine belts respectively, are by no means the only climax-phytocoenoses of these regions as assumed by Braun-Blanquet. Parallel with them there also occur not only subneutrophilous (pH 5.5-7) and neutrophobous climax phytocoenoses both chionophobous (on wind-exposed ridges) and chionophilous (on snow-loving, i.e. 'Schnee-boden' communities), consisting of grass, herb, dwarf-*Salix*, moss, and lichen communities very different from the dominant subchionophobous heath."

Tansley<sup>2</sup> states that "the so-called 'polyclimax theory' takes what appear to be permanent types of vegetation under given conditions and calls them climatic conditions of the region and on the most favorable soils the climatic climax is reached by the succession; but that on less favorable soils of special character different kinds of stable vegetation are developed and remain in possession of the ground, to all appearances as permanently as the climatic climax. These are called *edaphic* climaxes, because the differentiating factor is a special soil type." Other climaxes are described, caused by physiography, grazing, fire, and mowing. Of these he says,<sup>3</sup> "In each case the vegetation appears to be in equilibrium with all the effective factors present, including of course the climatic factors, and the climax is named from the special factor differentiating the vegetation from the climatic climax. . . . The word climax is used in its simple and natural signification of a culmination of development—a permanent or apparently permanent condition reached when the vegetation is in equilibrium with all the incident factors." Speaking of the relation of soil on succession, Tansley states<sup>3</sup> that while it is simple to believe that "the soil profile runs *pari passu* with the development of the vegetation it bears, and that consequently the

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 499.

<sup>2</sup> A. G. Tansley, Vegetational concepts and terms. Ecology 16: 292. 1935.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.



mature climatic soil type corresponds and co-exists with the climatic climax community," yet he goes on to state that this is not true, because "even when profile development under the influence of climate is perfectly normal and regular, the climatic climax community may establish itself long before the soil is mature, and may not be substantially altered by the later stages of profile maturation. Again a climatic climax may establish itself on a soil which is kept immature by geological and geographical causes, as on a steep slope. *And finally it is now generally agreed by pedologists that some rocks, owing to the simplicity of their composition, produce soils which can never form the normal climatic mature profile, and these may or may not bear the typical climatic climax vegetation.*" (The italics are the present author's.)

The field experience of the author in his observations on the Missouri flora is in full agreement with the statements quoted above by du Rietz and Tansley. The Ozarks offer a wonderful example in soil diversities and give ample opportunities of corroborating the opinions of these ecologists concerning the influence of soils on the various types of vegetation within a small region. Thus, we find that on the acidic substrata of chert, sandstone, or granitic rock an associates culminating in oak, hickory, southern yellow pine, *Acer rubrum*, *Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*, and *Cornus florida* is as characteristic a climax association as is that of *Acer saccharum*, *Quercus Muhlenbergii*, and other species developing on a limestone soil. The fact that several climaxes may exist in the Ozarks is proven by these permanent, well-marked associations which have originated from different substrata, yet may exist, as they often do, contiguous to each other. The fact remains that they are not climatic climaxes, as argued by Weaver and Clements, because the climate has not differentiated these diverse, stable associations, one on limestone, the other on chert, sandstone, or porphyritic trachyte or granite. Rather, these climaxes are edaphic and owe their diversity to their separate selections of soil conditions.

Friesner and Potzger<sup>1</sup> concluded, after a study of certain areas in Indiana in which soil reactions between the *Fagus-Acer* and *Quercus-Carya* communities were compared, that "the range of reaction in surface soils for beech-maple does not show much difference from that of oak-hickory, except that the reaction spread is a little nearer alkalinity in beech-maple, extending from pH 4.5 to 7.53, and a little

<sup>1</sup> Ray C. Friesner and J. E. Potzger, Contrasts in certain physical factors in *Fagus-Acer* and *Quercus-Carya* communities in Brown and Bartholomew counties, Indiana. Butler Univ. Bot. Stud. 4: 8-9. 1937.

more acid in oak-hickory, extending from pH 4.1 to 7.24. . . . The majority of the soil samples gave a decidedly more acid reaction for oak-hickory than was found in any of the beech-maple areas except one. It will also be seen that while the oak-hickory range exhibits as wide a spread as the beech-maple, the majority of the samples fall within a much narrower range which is more acid than the majority of the readings for the beech-maple soils." As will be shown in the following portion of this paper on plant associations in the Ozarks, the oak-hickory association develops upon an acid substratum, while *Acer saccharum* develops from a limestone substratum and *Acer rubrum* from an acidic cherty, sandstone, or granitic or porphyritic trachyte substratum.

In Weaver and Clements' *Plant ecology*, three associations, i.e., the oak-hickory association, maple-beech association, and oak-chestnut association comprise the three associations in the deciduous forest climax formation, while in this report five associations are described.

The climax formation in the Ozarks is a mesophytic forest. The climate is of the type which effects such a mesophytic development. This mesophytic climax forest is made up of various associations.

Units for discussion in the Ozarks have arisen from the following sources: (1) stages in flood-plain formation; (2) ridge tops and plateau areas; (3) ravines and upper drainage heads of the tributaries in acid soil areas; and (4) stages in cover over an eroded limestone bluff or open glade. Some of these associations, therefore, depend on the type of rock substratum from which they start. Thus, the development or succession of the vegetation is closely correlated with the type of rock in the particular area under discussion.

The five associations included within this climax formation are: (I) sugar maple-bitternut hickory association; (II) sugar maple-white oak association; (III) oak-hickory association; (IV) oak-pine association; and (V) red maple-white oak association.

## I. SUGAR MAPLE-BITTERNUT HICKORY ASSOCIATION

(*Acer saccharum*-*Carya cordiformis*)

(1) The first association, the sugar maple-bitternut hickory (*Acer saccharum*-*Carya cordiformis*) association, is the climax stage reached from a development of the flood-plain flora. The developmental stages or associates of this association are definitely correlated with the development and maturity of the stream. Most of the smaller Ozark streams are still in some stages of youth and conse-

quently are dashing and swift-flowing types, carrying loads of chert which have been eroded and borne from the hills. At the stage when the stream is still small and youthful, with a rocky bed loaded with gravel deposits, occurs the first developmental stage, the Ward willow-witch hazel (*Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*-*Hamamelis vernalis*) associates. This shrubby willow pioneers with the witch hazel along all the smaller, rock-laden streams or along the gravel bars or rocky deposits of streams which are in a more mature stage of development (fig. 9). In the northern and western border of the Missouri Ozarks, in much of the area of the Niangua, Osage, lower Gasconade,



FIG. 9. *Salix longipes*-*Hamamelis vernalis* associates on gravel bar at mouth of Indian Creek and White River, near Baxter, Stone County.

and Pomme de Terre rivers, the witch hazel is absent, leaving Ward's willow as the sole dominant of the first stage of the flood-plain association (fig. 10). Witch hazel is found all over the eastern and southern Ozarks.

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) is always a conspicuous member (consociates) of the willow-witch hazel associates. It is particularly dominant on gravelly and sandy deposits. Along the gravel bars and sandy deposits of the larger Ozark streams such as the Current River, Piney River, Gasconade River, Black River, White River, and others, it and Ward's willow are the pioneers, while alder and usually witch hazel are absent. Alder (*Alnus rugosa*) is often associated with the willow, witch hazel, and sycamore, but is commonest along the smaller tributaries and headwaters. These four species (Ward's willow, witch hazel, sycamore, and alder) make up the dominants or consociates. Sometimes the sand grape (*Vitis rupe-*



tris), ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius* var. *intermedius*), and *Cornus obliqua* are associated with these. Water willow (*Dianthera americana*) is a conspicuous herbaceous dominant in the willow-witch hazel associates and is found in dense colonies, rooting along the gravelly, shallower margins of most of the streams, especially the smaller ones (fig. 11). Chairmakers' rush (*Scirpus americanus*) is often associated with water willow on gravelly areas.



FIG. 10. *Salix longipes* associates on gravel bar, four miles northeast of Waynesville, Pulaski County.

Many of the extensive gravel bars may be covered with:

<i>Ambrosia elatior</i> var. <i>artemisiaefolia</i>	<i>Hemicarpha micrantha</i>
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	<i>Ipomoea hederacea</i>
<i>Amsonia illustris</i>	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>
<i>Commelina erecta</i>	<i>Lespedeza virginica</i>
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	<i>Leucospora multifida</i>
<i>Cyperus inflexus</i>	<i>Lindernia dubia</i> var. <i>major</i>
<i>Desmodium sessilifolium</i>	<i>Mollugo verticillata</i>
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> (common)	<i>Oxalis stricta</i>
<i>Diodia teres</i>	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> (common)
<i>Eragrostis hypnoides</i>	<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>
<i>Eragrostis pilosa</i>	<i>Polygonum pennsylvanicum</i>
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	<i>Rorippa islandica</i> var. <i>microcarpa</i>
<i>Euphorbia maculata</i>	<i>Xanthium pennsylvanicum</i>
<i>Euphorbia supina</i>	

The above gravel bar species may be expected to occur on most gravel bars along the streams, the amount of sand on the one extreme and muddy alluvium on the other changing materially the aspect of the composition of the flora.

(2) Farther away from the margin of the rocky stream a richer soil is gradually built up by successive alluvial deposits (fig. 13).



A new associates of silver maple-cottonwood (*Acer saccharinum*-*Populus deltoides*) develops here. Other dominants (consociates) usually found with silver maple and cottonwood are river birch (*Betula nigra*), black willow (*Salix nigra*), and buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) (fig. 14). As the silver maple-cottonwood associates gradually gains possession of the better soil, witch hazel disappears, but sycamore and Ward's willow of the preceding associates persist into this new succession. Instead of cottonwood with silver maple, as in the southeastern Missouri Ozarks, one finds green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica* var. *lanceolata*) in the western Ozarks along



FIG. 11. *Dianthera americana* forming dominant herbaceous growth along gravel bar on Bourbeuse Creek at Glaser Ford, three and one-half miles southwest of Bem, Gasconade County. Note *Salix longipes* var. *Wardii* immediately behind *Dianthera* colony.

the Gasconade River, where cottonwood is quite rare. In the southeastern Ozarks local species such as *Liquidambar* *Styraciflua* diversify the alluvial formation, but along the Gasconade River there are no unusual species diversifying the area. Along the Gasconade River, *Hamamelis vernalis* is rare and local. On Piney River the very infrequent cottonwood is associated with silver maple and green ash.

The silver maple-cottonwood associates may completely succeed the willow-witch hazel associates if the rocky stream habitat of the latter becomes covered over with a rich alluvium favorable for the development of the former associates, or the two associates may exist as contiguous ones in relation to the alluvial formation of the stream.

The birch and the buttonbush sometimes come into the succession before the black willow, cottonwood, and silver maple have made

their appearance, and this may be explained by the greater ability of these two species to seed themselves in more gravelly and sandy stream bars. Along the Osage fork of the Gasconade River in Webster County, for example, river birch is absent as one of the associates of a later flood-plain succession. In this region Ward's willow and sycamore are dominant, being followed by black willow, silver maple, and green ash. On the Current River silver maple and poplar pioneer together as associate species in much the same way as they do in parts of areas of northeastern Missouri, as, for example, on Salt River.



FIG. 12. *Salix nigra*, instead of *Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*, pioneering on gravel. Along Moreau River, two miles southeast of Jefferson City, Cole County.

These first two associates of a flood-plain association are subject to sudden stream overflows and variation of water level. The herbaceous ground flora is, therefore, not varied, is late in developing, and is often composed of annuals or water-resistant types. There is practically no herbaceous or moss associates on the rocky habitat of the willow-witch hazel associates, but where a relatively large area of alluvial ground exists, with the silver maple-cottonwood associates are found a few dominant species on the forest floor, such as *Pilea pumila* var. *Deamii*, *Aster lateriflorus* var. *pendulus*, *Rudbeckia laciniata*, and white grass (*Leersia virginica*). Such mosses as *Amblystegium riparium* and *Leskea gracilescens* may be present.

After this stage of the flood-plain has been reached, the succession, once the deposit of alluvium has been formed, proceeds at a faster rate and more quickly reaches the climax types.

(3) The next stage, associated with the formation of richer soil over the original alluvium, is the American elm-green ash (*Ulmus americana*-*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata*) associates (fig. 15). Sometimes, in places along the border counties of the Ozarks, *Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata* may pioneer on gravel bars with *Salix Wardii*, sycamore, and *Cephalanthus*—as on the Osage River in St. Clair and Benton counties. Another dominant in this phase of the succession is *Quercus Shumardii* (locally called water oak, otherwise named Shumard's red oak). Along Current and Black rivers, *Quercus Shumardii* is common in the *Ulmus americana*-*Acer saccharinum*-*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata* formation, but on Gasconade and Piney rivers it is quite absent most of the time and found only occasionally. Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*),



FIG. 13. Deposit of muddy alluvium above sand on bar on Little North Fork of White River, one and one-half miles south of Theodosia, Ozark County. Shows how a sand bar is gradually built up with a consequent new associates developing upon it.

box elder (*Acer Negundo*), and a few others also make their appearance in this stage, and in parts of the southeastern Ozarks, as along the Black and St. Francis rivers, sweet gum (*Liquidambar Styraciflua*) is found sometimes in this associates. The herbaceous associates on the forest floor is somewhat more varied than in the last associates, but stream overflows continue to occur in this associates likewise. Such herbs as honewort (*Cryptotaenia canadensis*), Virginia knotweed (*Polygonum virginianum*), beefsteak plant (*Perilla frutescens*), *Iresine rhizomatosa*, and *Calycocarpum Lyoni* are common, while the grass flora is dominated by spike grass (*Uniola latifolia*), fowl meadow



grass (*Glyceria striata*), giant cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*), and satin grass (*Muhlenbergia mexicana*). Along alluvial limestone banks at the base of bluffs, as along the Osage River in St. Clair County and elsewhere, *Uniola latifolia* and *Panicum virgatum* are dominant, associated with *Apocynum sibiricum* and *Leptochloa filiformis*. This is equivalent to pioneers on a mud stage, discussed under previous alluvial forms.



FIG. 14. *Acer saccharinum*-*Populus deltoides* associes on right side behind gravel bar, between Reed Springs and Viola, Stone County.

No *Arundinaria gigantea* occurs along the Gasconade, Osage, Piney, Meramec, Big, and Niangua rivers or their tributaries in the elm-ash stage or in other stages. The *Arundinaria* begins to appear on Black, Current, and other rivers where shaded alluvial banks and thickets occur. *Smilax Bona-nox* together with *Arundinaria* is common along the banks of White River.

After the third developmental stage (i.e. the American elm-green ash associes) has been attained, Ward's willow and button-bush, more or less shade-intolerant types, disappear, but sycamore, cottonwood, and black willow persist. In many alluvial associations in the western Ozarks, however, no cottonwood is present. Sometimes sugar maple also appears in the elm-ash associes, but does not become dominant until the last stage of the associes. This elm-ash associes may last indefinitely, and in some regions where the soil is flooded frequently and worn away or where the surrounding soil types are too acid, sugar maple may be prevented from entering this associes, and the elm-ash associes may become a temporary climax or subclimax.

Sometimes, in the Gasconade River region, silver maple and green ash together with sycamore are followed by birch—elm—ash—sycamore with maple, the two intergrading and slightly different from the situation which occurs in the southeastern Ozarks, where silver maple, cottonwood, and birch are often followed by elm and green ash, with birch, sycamore, and maple lingering over into the newer associates.



FIG. 15. *Ulmus americana*—*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata* associates on alluvium of valley along Jacks Fork of Current River, north of Monteer, Shannon County. On top of the bluffs on the right are pine trees occurring on cherty and Roubidoux sandstone substrata.

In the southeastern Ozarks the usual succession is:

- (1) Ward's willow, witch hazel, sycamore, alder; succeeded by
- (2) silver maple, poplar, birch, black willow; succeeded by
- (3) elm, green ash.

In the White River country it is:

- (1) Ward's willow, witch hazel; succeeded by
- (2) black willow; succeeded by
- (3) silver maple, birch, elm, green ash.

In the Gasconade River area it is:

- (1) Ward's willow; succeeded by
- (2) sycamore, black willow; succeeded by
- (3) silver maple, green ash, birch; succeeded by
- (4) elm, silver maple.

But the end result is in all cases usually the same, i.e. with elm, silver maple, and green ash comprising the dominants in the associates. The elm comes in last in each case, but may have ash with it first or last, the ash being the varying pioneer.

*Variations in Stage No. 3:*

(a) On Piney Creek and other areas in Table Rock National Forest Purchase Unit in Barry and Stone counties, southwestern Missouri, instead of alder occurring with witch hazel in stage No. 1, *Ilex decidua* is found with witch hazel. The latter two plants are the dominants, together with such species as *Ostrya virginiana*, *Cornus obliqua*, *Cornus asperifolia*, and *Physocarpus opulifolius* var. *intermedius* (example No. 5).

(b) On Table Rock National Forest Purchase Unit in the White River country of southwestern Missouri, swamp privet (*Forestiera acuminata*) in stage No. 3 is scattered and sometimes is frequent along the banks with a characteristic alluvial stage of ash, elm, birch, and silver maple; in later associations it is often found with *Carpinus caroliniana* along steep river slopes (example No. 31). This same condition occurs on the St. Francis River near Chaonia on the Wap-papella National Forest Purchase Unit in southeastern Missouri.

(c) At the base of steep slopes in the Table Rock National Forest Purchase Unit of southwestern Missouri, *Hamamelis vernalis* is common, but is not the dominant on gravel bars as it usually is elsewhere, for example, in the eastern and southern Ozarks. Instead, *Salix Wardii* and *Platanus* dominate the gravel bars. This is of interest, because *Hamamelis* is absent also to the east, on the larger streams, but is present on the smaller ones.

(d) On the Niangua River, on the Little Pomme de Terre River, and on the Osage Fork of Gasconade River near Rader in Webster County, there is no birch, alder, or poplar in the alluvial formation. Instead, one finds that Ward's willow or Ward's willow and sycamore are followed by black willow and green ash, and then elm.

(e) On the Gasconade River, in stage 2, instead of sycamore and black willow as co-dominants, there are sycamore, black willow, sand-bar willow (*Salix interior*), birch, and *Ampelopsis cordata*. Birch may be entirely absent from the associates, for example, along the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River in Webster County.

(f) In the southeastern Ozarks sycamore appears at the very beginning of the succession with *Salix Wardii* and witch hazel (examples Nos. 1, 2, 9, and 10), but on the Gasconade River sycamore follows *Salix Wardii* or *S. interior* and is usually mixed with black willow.

(g) Along the northern border of the Ozark region the black willow pioneers on the gravel at the very beginning of the succession instead of *Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*. The latter is here near its



northern limit of dispersal in the Ozarks and its place is taken by *Salix nigra* (fig. 12).

(h) Silver maple, elm, and green ash are usually associated at the end of the flood-plain succession in the Gasconade and Piney river areas.

*Rosa setigera* var. *tomentosa* is frequent along the river banks in all the areas. *Vitis cordifolia* and *V. cinerea*, especially the latter, are the common vines in this alluvial formation, but *Ampelopsis cordata* and *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* also occur frequently. *Aristolochia tomentosa* is common all along the Gasconade, Piney, Black, Current, and White rivers in the alluvial formation. Variations on the Gasconade River are found in the pioneering frequencies of either *Salix Wardii* or *S. interior*, the former pioneering on direct gravel, the latter where more sandy mud has accumulated instead of gravel. Both species may grow on the same river bar.

Thus far, we have discussed the succession only among the trees and shrubs of the various associates of the flood-plain formation (*Acer saccharum*-*Carya cordiformis* association). The herbaceous succession in this formation is:

- (1) Water willow (*Dianthera americana*); succeeded by
- (2) *Scirpus americanus* or *Sagittaria latifolia* in back of water willow; succeeded by
- (3) *Leersia oryzoides* and *Echinochloa pungens*.

Associated with the above dominant species in stage No. 3 are:

<i>Bidens polylepis</i>	<i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i>
<i>Panicum capillare</i>	<i>Polygonum punctatum</i>
<i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i>	<i>Xanthium chinense</i>
<i>Panicum Gattingeri</i>	<i>Xanthium pensylvanicum</i>

On more sandy soil, *Scirpus americanus*, *Lobelia cardinalis*, and *Eupatorium coelestinum* occur directly behind water willow, while *Sagittaria latifolia* grows on more muddy soil behind water willow. *Rotala ramosior* var. *interior* is found usually on muddy alluvium. Sometimes along the border counties of the Ozarks, as along the Osage River in St. Clair County, occur on the muddy bar *Acnida tamariscina*, *Ampelamus albidus*, *Xanthium pensylvanicum* and *X. chinense*, *Echinochloa pungens*, *Polygonum coccineum*, *P. lapathifolium*, and others, *Lippia lanceolata*, *Lindernia dubia*, *Ammannia coccinea*, and *Leptochloa filiformis*. Just within the *Xanthium* formation or behind it is *Hibiscus lasiocarpus*. In shaded alluvium, back of *Xanthium*-*Leersia* association occur:

<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	<i>Perilla frutescens</i>
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	<i>Pilea pumila</i> var. <i>Deamii</i>
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	<i>Polygonum punctatum</i>
<i>Impatiens biflora</i>	<i>Verbena urticaefolia</i>

Along the Osage River in Miller County water willow is followed by an association of the following herbaceous plants: *Setaria lutescens*, *Panicum virgatum*, *P. capillare*, *Polygonum pensylvanicum*, *Euphorbia supina* (*E. maculata* of authors), and *E. serpens*. Back of the gravel accumulates an alluvial deposit of muddy soil dominated by the following plants: *Xanthium chinense*, *Polygonum pensylvanicum*, *Spermacoce glabra*, *Euphorbia maculata* (*E. nutans* of authors), *Ipomoea lacunosa*, and *Panicum dichotomiflorum*.

The herbaceous element changes as one goes from an alluvial type of woods to one with a development of more humus on the alluvial bottoms and slopes. Thus, in stage No. 1 on the moist alluvial banks along the Gasconade River the dominant species are:

#### Stage No. 1

*Agrostis perennans*  
*Cinna arundinacea*  
*Elymus virginicus*

*Leersia virginica*  
*Muhlenbergia* sp.

Associated with the species in stage No. 1 are:

*Campsis radicans*  
*Panicum clandestinum*  
*Phlox divaricata* var. *Laphamii*  
*Pilea pumila* var. *Deamii*  
*Ruellia strepens*  
*Solidago serotina*

*Spermacoce glabra*  
*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*  
*Ulmus americana*  
*Uniola latifolia* (on Black River)  
*Viola papilionacea*  
*Xanthium pensylvanicum*

*Elymus virginicus* is a dominant species along the banks of streams in the White River country.

Stage No. 2, on higher but still flat, alluvial ground, consists of the following species, developed in a woodland consisting principally of silver maple and green ash:

#### Stage No. 2

*Acalypha rhomboidea*  
*Acer Negundo*  
(young plants)  
*Acer saccharinum*  
(young plants)  
*Aster lateriflorus* var. *pendulus*  
*Benzoïn aestivale*  
(occasional; young plants)  
*Bidens frondosa*  
*Boehmeria cylindrica*  
*Cinna arundinacea*  
*Commelina virginica*  
*Dicliptera brachiata*  
(occasional)  
*Echinocystis lobata*  
*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata*  
(young plants)  
*Impatiens biflora*  
*Iresine rhizomatosa*  
*Mimulus alatus*

*Perilla frutescens*  
(rare)  
*Polygonum punctatum*  
(occasional)  
*Polygonum virginianum*  
*Quercus macrocarpa*  
(occasional; young plants)  
*Rudbeckia laciniata*  
*Ruellia strepens*  
*Sambucus canadensis*  
(occasional; young plants)  
*Scutellaria lateriflora*  
*Smilax hispida*  
*Solanum nigrum*  
*Solidago serotina*  
*Toxicodendron radicans*  
(young plants)  
*Vernonia altissima*  
*Viola papilionacea*  
*Vitis cordifolia*



The species listed above are in the type of woods described for the silver maple-cottonwood associates of southeastern Missouri.

Beginning with stage No. 3, where the base of the slope begins with a richer, better-drained soil, the herbaceous flora changes to an abundant and luxuriant growth of the following species:

*Stage No. 3*

<i>Amphicarpa bracteata</i>	<i>Geum canadense</i> var. <i>camporum</i>
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	<i>Impatiens pallida</i>
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	<i>Laportea canadensis</i>
(young plants)	<i>Menispermum canadense</i>
<i>Blephilia hirsuta</i>	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>
(young plants)	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> var. <i>protrusa</i>	<i>Tilia glabra</i>
<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	(young plants)
<i>Eupatorium urticaefolium</i>	<i>Verbesina virginica</i>
<i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	<i>Viola eriocarpa</i> var. <i>leiocarpa</i>
(young plants)	<i>Viola striata</i>
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	

As the richer slopes are ascended into drier, rockier ground, there is a thinning out of alluvial species such as *Leersia virginica*, *Rudbeckia laciniata*, *Eupatorium coelestinum*, *Aster lateriflorus* var. *pendulus*, and *Pilea pumila* var. *Deamii*. Their places are taken by the following species:

<i>Carex blanda</i>	<i>Quercus alba</i> f. <i>latiloba</i>
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	(young plants)
(young plants)	<i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i>
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	(young plants)
(young plants)	<i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i>
<i>Cellis occidentalis</i> var. <i>canina</i>	(young plants)
(young plants)	<i>Scutellaria ovata</i>
<i>Circaea latifolia</i>	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> var. <i>protrusa</i>	(young plants)
<i>Dioscorea villosa</i>	<i>Ulmus fulva</i>
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	(young plants)
(young plants)	<i>Verbena urticaefolia</i>
<i>Phlox divaricata</i> var. <i>Laphamii</i>	

On some slopes covered with talus at this stage the herbaceous cover is dominated by *Impatiens pallida*, *Hydrophyllum appendiculatum*, *Viola eriocarpa* var. *leiocarpa*, *Podophyllum peltatum*, *Circaea latifolia*, *Menispermum canadense*, and *Asarum canadense*. Farther up the talus, where rocks are nearer the surface and more plentiful, *Polymnia canadensis* is dominant and may cover the ground solidly for more than half the way up. *Staphylea trifolia* is the dominant shrub on the talus one-fourth to one-half the way up, while on the lower, richer slopes, as the final climax stage, *Carya cordiformis* is dominant. *Tradescantia Ernestiana* is one of the herbaceous dominants of the rich slopes in the region of White River and its

tributaries in southwestern Missouri, but is not found elsewhere in the state.

As the soil becomes richer and richer and gradually builds up a deeper humus layer mixed with rich, sandy alluvium, a greater number of trees, but particularly shade-tolerant shrubs, appear.

(4) This final developmental stage is dominated by sugar maple and bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*), and the associates may be called the sugar maple-bitternut hickory associates. One or two understories of shrubs are usually found in this associates. The paw-paw (*Asimina triloba*) and American hornbeam or ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*) are dominant small trees forming an upper portion of the understory, while buck brush or coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*) is a dominant lower understory shrub. Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*) is often very abundant, as is also spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*) and greenbrier (*Smilax hispida*). Along the tributaries of Black River, especially in the southeastern half of the Clark National Forest Purchase Unit, leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) becomes a conspicuous shrub of the lower understory (examples Nos. 43 and 46). It is conspicuous also along Noblett and Indian creeks in Howell and Douglas counties. These creeks drain into the North Fork of White River in southern Missouri. Other trees and shrubs found commonly in the final stage of this flood-plain association are, in order of abundance:

Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )	Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	Bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> )	Red-flowered buckeye ( <i>Aesculus discolor</i> var. <i>mollis</i> )
Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )	Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> )
Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )
Several species of hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus</i> )	Moonseed ( <i>Menispermum canadense</i> )
Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )	Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Black cherry ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> )
Honey locust ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> )	Ohio buckeye ( <i>Aesculus glabra</i> var. <i>pallida</i> )

Red-flowered buckeye, found in rich, alluvial woods, is common only in the southeastern section of the state.

Some of the species mentioned above, namely, linden, white oak, chinquapin oak, northern red oak, black walnut, butternut, and sour gum, seem to have invaded the final stages of this associates by an incursion from the adjacent rich lower regions at the base of limestone bluffs or slopes where they were originally part of the

climax flora of these areas and having descended the ravines and slopes of the limestone areas gradually merged with the climax vegetation of the alluvial association (fig. 16). They may be considered a post-climax of the flood-plain association.

Sycamore is a very common species throughout the flood-plain development and persists into the very last associates. Together with elm and ash, sycamore and sugar maple are the dominant species in the final associates of the flood-plain flora. Birch likewise persists, but in a rich flood-plain is commonest adjacent to the river. Black



FIG. 16. Along Huzzah Creek, two miles southeast of Davisville, Crawford County.

willow and buttonbush do not persist into this final stage, but are represented here and there by isolated plants, usually near the water's edge.

Some of the herbaceous species common on the forest floor of the final flood-plain stage are:

*Actinomeris alternifolia*  
*Amphicarpa bracteata*  
*Asarum canadense* var. *acuminatum*  
*Blephilia hirsuta*  
*Cystopteris fragilis* var. *protrusa*  
*Dioscorea villosa*  
*Eupatorium purpureum*  
*Eupatorium urticaefolium*  
*Galium triflorum*  
*Geum canadense* var. *camporum*  
*Impatiens pallida* and *I. biflora*  
*Laportea canadensis*  
*Lappula virginiana*

*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*  
 (young plants)  
*Passiflora lutea*  
*Perilla frutescens*  
*Phlox divaricata* var. *Laphamii*  
*Phytolacca americana*  
*Pilea pumila* var. *Deamii*  
*Ranunculus abortivus*  
*Sanguinaria canadensis*  
*Sicyos angulatus*  
*Toxicodendron radicans*  
*Verbesina virginica*  
*Viola eriocarpa*  
*Viola striata*



Sometimes the herbaceous flora of the rich wooded alluvium of the final stage will be found in the stage preceding. The two intergrade into their floral components, with a greater variety finally appearing in the final stage. The herbaceous ground flora associates of this final stage is very poorly represented, the spring flora being best developed.

## II. SUGAR MAPLE-WHITE OAK ASSOCIATION

(*Acer saccharum*-*Quercus alba*)

The next association of the deciduous forest climax formation to be discussed is the sugar maple-white oak association. In its final developmental stages the flora of this association approaches closely



FIG. 17. Limestone glade along Niangua River, two miles south of Corkery, Dallas County.

the composition of the flood-plain association of sugar maple-bitternut hickory. The two arrive at nearly the same climax, namely, the mesophytic, deciduous forest, because the climatic climax is a mesophytic one, but the flood-plain association (sugar maple-bitternut hickory) begins as a hydrosere (its initial stage beginning in or near water), while the other (sugar maple-white oak) association begins as a xerosere (its initial stages beginning where there exists an extreme deficiency of water, as on bare limestone glades or exposed, rocky bluffs).

(1) The first stage takes place on bare, rocky, limestone glades or openings where the rock is exposed and the residual fragments are everywhere conspicuous. An herbaceous flora with largely a component of prairie species covers the glade (fig. 17). This first stage is

usually represented by the side-oats grama-perennial black-eyed Susan (*Bouteloua curtipendula*-*Rudbeckia missouriensis*) associates. In other portions of the Ozarks, as in some of the Ozark border counties, i.e. Benton County along the Osage River, *Silphium laciniatum* and *Psoralea tenuiflora* are dominant instead of *Rudbeckia missouriensis*, and occur with the co-dominant *Bouteloua curtipendula* (fig. 18). In other Ozark glades, as in the border counties of the Ozarks or in places where a rich prairie or grass flora covers open slopes, one finds *Andropogon provincialis* very common and co-dominant with *Bouteloua curtipendula*. Many other herbaceous plants are commonly found. The changing aspects of the glade are the result of the spring, summer, and autumn societies of plants. In the spring there are



FIG. 18. Limestone glade with dominants of *Silphium laciniatum*, *Psoralea tenuiflora*, and *Bouteloua curtipendula* on bluffs along Osage River, two miles northwest of Wisdom, Benton County.

societies of Missouri primrose (*Oenothera missouriensis*), blue wild indigo (*Baptisia minor*), sandwort (*Arenaria patula*), wild hyacinth (*Camassia scillioides*), *Leavenworthia uniflora*, purple cone-flower (*Echinacea pallida*), yellow cone-flower (*Echinacea paradoxa*), *Galium virgatum*, and many others. In summer the conspicuous dominants are *Houstonia nigricans*, false aloe (*Agave virginica*), *Evolvulus Nuttallianus* (mostly in western Missouri), *Petalostemum purpureum*, *Centaureum texense* (in western Missouri), *Heliotropium tenellum*, *Tragia urticaefolia*, *Croton capitatus*, and calamint (*Satureja glabella* var. *angustifolia*). In the autumn the prevailing species are *Aster oblongifolius*, *A. sericeus*, wild onion (*Allium stellatum*), and perennial black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia missouriensis*). *Panicum*

*virgatum*, melic grass (*Melica nitens*), and big and little blue-stem (*Andropogon provincialis* and *A. scoparius*), together with side-oats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), predominate among perennial grasses, while *Sporobolus vaginiflorus*, *S. neglectus*, and *Panicum capillare* predominate among annual grasses. *Sporobolus vaginiflorus* is a much more common and dominant grass over the balds of southwestern Missouri than it is on the eastern Ozark glades.

Herbaceous species found on the glades of the western Ozarks which are common in addition to the ones given below are *Palafoxia callosa*, *Linum sulcatum*, *Polytaenia Nuttallii*, and *Parthenium hispidum*. *Berchemia scandens* is often found. The *Tragia*, *Pala-*



FIG. 19. Red cedar glade or bald on dolomitic limestone, near Taney County line, in Stone County.

*foxia*, *Berchemia*, and *Baptisia* are much more characteristic of and some are altogether confined to the western and southwestern Missouri glades and bald knobs.

This first stage was the original condition which existed all over the Ozarks in limestone areas following uplifts. Then the gradually elevated, rocky terrain first became carpeted with an herbaceous flora such as is now found on eroded glades. As will be noted from what follows, the limestone glades have been and are gradually losing ground, i.e. are becoming covered by the forest (figs. 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25). In other words, *the natural succession, under the present mesophytic climatic climax, is towards a forest which sooner or later obliterates the glade.*

This pioneer herbaceous stage may last indefinitely. Those glades and eroded limestone slopes facing west or south remain



exposed longer than those facing east or north, because the dry sun and windswept conditions existing on such slopes are much more favorable for the development of an herbaceous flora than for a forest coverage (figs. 19, 20, and 21). The glade covering is too sparse and open to permit good windbreaks to hold leaves for decay, and those leaves which do remain are quickly scorched and dried in the sun so that leaf decay, rock disintegration, and soil formation proceed at a very slow rate. On east- and north-facing areas, more moisture and protection against prevailing winds exist, and soil building goes on at a relatively faster pace. Thus the succession taking place on north- and east-facing slopes culminates in the climax sugar maple-white oak associates at a relatively more rapid rate when compared with that taking place on a south- and west-facing area.

(2) The next stage to follow the pioneer herbaceous flora is usually initiated by the glade variety of fragrant sumac (*Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina*) and is soon joined by its associates, red cedar



FIG. 20. Bald knob west of Table Rock, west of Branson, Taney County.

(*Juniperus virginiana*) and persimmon. Any one of these may be dominant, but red cedar in most cases becomes the most conspicuous member and often forms a consociation by itself (fig. 19). "Cedar glades" are a common, characteristic feature of eroded limestone slopes and knobs (figs. 19 and 20). The ground cover is sparse under the red cedars and in a red cedar forest. Melic grass (*Melica nitens*), *Panicum virgatum*, and big and little blue-stem are grasses usually found in open areas in this associates. Some mosses, such as *Orthotrichum Porteri* and species of *Grimmia*, occur on the bare, exposed rocks.

Red cedar is dominant in the eastern Ozarks and in the country bordering the Piney and Gasconade River region, but on the bald knobs and bare limestone areas in the White River region of southwestern Missouri persimmon is often the pioneer and dominant species. On these balds, persimmon (fig. 21) or cedar is first, or the two occur simultaneously, and around shade in thickets at the same time occur *Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina*, *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*, and *Smilax Bona-nox*. Sassafras sometimes grows as a pioneer with persimmon, especially if there is more chert in the rock. Then follows *Bumelia lanuginosa* (fig. 22) succeeded by the *Cotinus americanus*—



FIG. 21. *Diospyros virginiana* initiating woody growth on limestone glade along Niangua River, two miles south of Corkery, Dallas County.

*Quercus Muhlenbergii* stage, which is associated with *Quercus Shumardii* var. *Schneckii*, *Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina*, *Cercis canadensis*, and *Chionanthus virginica* (example No. 49). On some of the dolomitic limestone glades and knobs here, persimmon and *Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina* appear to be the pioneers, with cedar absent or suppressed. If this happens, *Cotinus* and *Quercus Muhlenbergii* follow the cedar-*Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina* stage, without the occurrence of cedar. With persimmon are also *Ulmus alata* and *Bumelia lanuginosa*, and sometimes *Viburnum rufidulum*, but *Rhamnus caroliniana* and *Chionanthus virginica* are later in the succession than *Quercus Muhlenbergii* or *Cotinus*, or infrequently come at the same time. *Aster oblongifolius* is common on the glades, while *Aster sericeus* is rare. In some places persimmon and cedar alone occur, while in others persimmon, cedar, and winged elm dominate. Sassafras is often dominant with persimmon on some of the bald knobs. Along draws in the limestone



glade the most common pioneering plants are *Physocarpus*, *Andrachne*, *Ilex decidua*, *Rhamnus caroliniana*, *Cornus obliqua*, and *C. asperifolia*. These draws may occur in slight depressions or valleys between the balds or may occur on a slope. *Chionanthus* appears around draws and drainage crevices and occurs as a substory with *Cotinus*, *Cornus florida*, *Acer saccharum*, *Ilex decidua*, *Cornus asperifolia*, *Quercus Shumardii* var. *Schneckii*, *Rhamnus caroliniana*, and *Physocarpus*.

The normal glade, thus far discussed, in most of the Ozarks, including the last two stages discussed, is still open, but gradually becomes forested (figs. 23, 24, and 25); with the incursion and development of red cedar and persimmon, the rocks become covered by leaves. This next stage of development results when the trees gain a foothold and thereby serve as windbreaks with consequent leaf preservation on the ground. With the gradual rock disintegration



FIG. 22. *Quercus Muhlenbergii* invading an associates with *Diospyros virginiana* and *Bumelia lanuginosa* along the bluffs of Osage River (Lake-of-the-Ozarks), at Riverview, Morgan County.

and increase of soil, an incursion of various shrubs appears, and the third stage of the succession follows.

(3) This is the chittim-wood-black haw (*Bumelia lanuginosa*-*Viburnum rufidulum*) associates. While these two species are dominant, others also may be abundant and these are usually greenbrier (*Smilax Bona-nox*), supplejack (*Berchemia scandens*), and species of hawthorn (*Crataegus*) or hackberry (*Celtis pumila* var. *georgiana* or *C. laevigata* var. *texana*).

Once this stage has been reached, other shrubs and trees rapidly begin to take possession, and red cedar, once so conspicuous on the glade, gradually loses ground.

(4) An associates that usually follows is that of the winged elm-Indian cherry (*Ulmus alata*-*Rhamnus caroliniana*). Associated with these species usually is the southern hackberry (*Celtis laevigata* var. *texana*), stunted specimens of white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), and possum haw (*Ilex decidua*).

(5) This is quickly followed by the next associates, chinquapin oak-white ash (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*-*Fraxinus americana*), which



FIG. 23. *Quercus Muhlenbergii*-*Fraxinus americana* associates dominating grassy slopes along headwaters of Bryant Creek, two miles southeast of Cedar Gap, Wright County. Shows incursion of forest over prairie-glade slopes with gradual elimination of the latter.

dominates west- and south-facing slopes. In the eastern and south-eastern Ozarks the chinquapin oak-white ash stage appears as one associates, but on the White River bald knobs this stage is equivalent to the chinquapin oak-*Cotinus* associates discussed previously. The chinquapin oak-white ash associates has a rich variety of other trees and shrubs, among which may be found hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*), redbud, slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*), *Quercus Shumardii* var. *Schneckii* (a variety of red oak sometimes confused with Texas red oak), and blue ash (*Fraxinus quadrangulata*). Greenbrier, as well as species from the preceding associates, such as black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*), winged elm (*Ulmus alata*), and hop hornbeam usually occur in this associates (fig. 28). Sometimes blue ash is much more conspicuous in portions of the Ozarks along limestone bluffs

and becomes a dominant species, forming an associates with *Bumelia lanuginosa*, immediately following an occupation by *Viburnum rufidulum*, *Rhamnus caroliniana*, and *Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina*, or else occurring simultaneously with them. On west- and south-facing slopes and bluffs this associates may last indefinitely and form more or less of a climax or subclimax stage, the arrested development characterizing such a subclimax being due to exposed conditions which favor the persistence of such a flora. Chinquapin oak is particularly abundant in such exposures. On the more rocky slopes in this associates, a temporary substory of winged elm, hop hornbeam, black haw, and *Bumelia lanuginosa* may appear dominant but is finally superseded in the following climax forest associates, where these species become inconspicuous. On rocky slopes in this and the following stage with sugar maple, *Brickellia grandiflora* may frequently be dominant. At this stage the herbaceous flora is dominated on the rocky lime-



FIG. 24. Bald knob, just east of McClurg, Ozark County. Showing the *Acer saccharum-Quercus alba* climax reached in the development of a limestone substratum, and the covering of the glade by forests of this climax stage.

stone slope by *Pilea pumila* var. *Deamii*, *Impatiens pallida* and *I. biflora*, *Hydrophyllum appendiculatum*, *Campanula americana*, and *Polymnia canadensis*. This may, however, be a derived condition brought on by burning. At this stage a sedge (*Carex eburnea*) usually occurs in the bluff crevices where a slight accumulation of soil exists, and grows with mosses such as *Rhodobryum roseum* and *Thuidium minutulum*. A great variety of grasses is present at this stage among the ledges and rock exposures where soil has accumulated. They include species of *Muhlenbergia*, *Brachyelytrum erectum*, *Uniola*



*latifolia*, wild rye (*Elymus virginicus*), chess (*Bromus purgans*), fescue (*Festuca obtusa*), bottlebrush (*Hystrix patula*), and *Sphenopholis intermedia*.

On the edges of bluffs (fig. 22) in associates Nos. 2, 3, 4, or 5 of *Quercus Muhlenbergii*-*Fraxinus americana* or *Bumelia*-*Diospyros* is an herbaceous flora characterized by:

<i>Allium mutabile</i>	<i>Malvastrum angustum</i>
<i>Asclepias stenophylla</i>	<i>Mentzelia oligosperma</i>
<i>Euphorbia (zygophylloides) missurica</i>	<i>Mirabilis albidus</i>
<i>Heleotropium tenellum</i>	<i>Psoralea tenuiflora</i>
<i>Helianthus Maximiliani</i>	<i>Scutellaria parvula</i>
<i>Houstonia nigricans</i>	<i>Solidago Drummondii</i>
<i>Isanthus brachiatus</i>	<i>Solidago radula</i>
<i>Liatris cylindracea</i>	



FIG. 25. Three miles northwest of Vichy, Maries County. Similar to Fig. 24, except that forest of *Acer saccharum*-*Quercus alba* associates has more nearly closed the originally open glade. Cf. Figs. 24 and 25 with Figs. 19, 20, and 21.

These open bluff slopes may vary in their herbaceous composition according to the amount of chert or limestone present, the amount of lime which has been eroded, and other factors. If there is much more chert than lime present, acidity prevails and *Polygonum tenue*, *Acalypha gracilens* var. *monococca*, *Linum medium* var. *texanum*, *Psoralea psoralioides* var. *eglandulosa*, *Stylosanthes biflora* var. *hispidissima*, *Lechea tenuifolia*, *Crotonopsis elliptica*, *Scleria pauciflora*, and *Crotalaria sagittalis* predominate; while, if limestone predominates, limestone-loving species occur, such as *Malvastrum angustum*, *Isanthus brachiatus*, *Heliotropium tenellum*, *Houstonia nigricans*, *Linum sulcatum*, *Helianthus Maximiliani*, *Allium mutabile*, *Euphorbia (zygophylloides) missurica* (in the western Ozarks), *Verbena simplex*, *Asclepias stenophylla*, and *Mentzelia oligosperma*.

Species commonly occurring along the edges of the bluffs are *Solidago radula*, *S. Drummondii*, *Liatris squarrosa*, *L. cylindracea*, and sometimes on very high, exposed situations of west- or south-facing bluffs are *Arenaria stricta* var. *texana* and *Muhlenbergia cuspidata* (fig. 16).

Some of this flora is, of course, persistent from the original type which occurred on the limestone glade in the beginning while yet a part of the original cover. This is true of the types not on the very edge of the bluff. The very edge of the bluff has distinctive groups of species, such as *Solidago Drummondii*, *S. radula*, and *Liatris cylindracea*, which are usually not on the open or more level parts of the glade proper.

(6) At the beginning of this last associates, sugar maple makes its appearance. Not until sufficient soil has accumulated on the limestone exposures does it usually penetrate the area, although very



FIG. 26. *Acer saccharum*-*Quercus alba* climax associates, well developed over a limestone substratum, Taney County.

little soil is needed to induce it to appear frequently. It is much more abundant on north- and east-facing slopes at the same stage when chinquapin oak is dominant on south- and west-facing ones. Often on these south- and west-facing slopes it may be almost as common as chinquapin oak. As more soil is formed over the limestone substratum which originally was an open glade (figs. 24 and 25), sugar maple becomes commoner, and finally attains a dominance, forming, with white oak, the last stage of development, the sugar maple-white oak associates. On north- and east-facing slopes sugar

maple becomes the dominant species. The common species of trees in this climax associates are white oak (*Quercus alba*), northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*), linden (*Tilia glabra*), and butternut (*Juglans cinerea*). These north-facing limestone slopes produce the climax mesophytic forest with white oak, northern red oak, and sugar maple dominating. Usually on such north-facing slopes the lower portions are covered by linden, northern red oak, and white oak, while on the upper slopes northern red oak and sugar maple are usually dominant (fig. 26).

The dominant understory in this climax associates of sugar maple-white oak consists of flowering dogwood and American hornbeam or



FIG. 27. Bluffs along White River just west of Shreiner's Ferry, Barry County, showing at left all stages of succession from a gravel bar in the initial development of a flood-plain association to the final stage (*Acer saccharum-Quercus alba*) of the development over an eroded limestone bluff or open glade.

ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*), while a lower story may be composed of spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*) and bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*). As the soil becomes richer, deeper, and consequently of greater water-holding capacity, these shrubs in the climax associates succeed in becoming dominant over those of the preceding associates, i.e. hop hornbeam, winged elm, black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*), and *Bumelia lanuginosa*, the understory once dominant on drier exposures. In some portions of the southeastern Ozarks the running strawberry-bush (*Euonymus obovatus*) and the eastern witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) (examples Nos. 78, 79, 80, and 101) may be locally dominant in the understory flora of north- and east-facing limestone slopes.



*Variations in Stage No. 6:*

(a) In some portions of the Ozarks, *Cornus florida* and *Staphylea* are dominant as a substory, while in other parts they are not. In certain parts of the western Ozarks, as in the Swan Creek territory of Christian County, *Viburnum molle* is a local co-dominant in a sugar maple-chinquapin oak-northern red oak woods as a substory



FIG. 28. Bee Bluff, along Current River, northeast of Eminence, Shannon County, showing the development of vegetation over a limestone bluff.

co-dominant with pawpaw, *Carpinus*, *Benzoin*, and *Staphylea* (example No. 70), while black maple (*Acer nigrum*) often becomes a local dominant (example No. 71) instead of sugar maple on rich, north-facing slopes along Bull Creek, Christian County, along Swan Creek in Christian and Taney counties (examples Nos. 69 and 70), Montauk Spring Branch, in Dent County, some portions of the Gasconade River in Pulaski County (example No. 89), and Bryant Creek in Wright and Douglas counties. In this case the climax is

made up of black and sugar maple, linden (*Tilia glabra*), and northern red oak.

(b) Similarly, *Cornus alternifolia* becomes a local substory co-dominant with *Staphylea* on north-facing slopes in certain parts of the eastern Ozarks, as at Montauk State Park, Dent County (example No. 94), Bee Fork of Black River, Reynolds County, certain parts of the Gasconade River in Pulaski County, certain places along the North Fork of White River in Douglas County, Bryant Creek in Wright County, along portions of Jacks Fork of Current River and tributaries in Shannon and Texas counties, and along Noblett and Spring creeks in parts of northwestern Howell County.

(c) Sugar maple is often dominant with chinquapin oak on west- and south-facing areas rather than with red oak in the White River region of southwestern Missouri. *Morus rubra*, *Quercus Muhlenbergii*, and *Celtis occidentalis* are dominant on south- and west-facing areas. On areas in the chinquapin oak-sugar maple association in the White River region, *Cladrastis lutea* is associated with *Ulmus americana*, *Cercis*, *Celtis occidentalis*, *Morus rubra*, pawpaw, benzoin, *Symphoricarpos*, *Viburnum rufidulum*, and *Juglans nigra* (example No. 66). In this association *Yucca arkansana* occurs in association with *Smilax Bona-nox*, *Elymus virginicus*, and *Berchemia*. In the White River area *Robinia Pseudo-Acacia* is native and part of the substory with pawpaw, benzoin, and redbud in the sugar maple-northern red oak-chinquapin oak area, and occurs at the base of bluffs on rich slopes. This *Robinia* with its associates may be placed also in the final stage of the alluvial associations.

(d) White oak is not part of the dominant last associates in this final association in the White River area. The east-facing slopes are dominated by sugar maple, northern red oak, linden, *Juglans cinerea* (all found in the eastern Ozarks), as well as *Celtis occidentalis*, with the lower story or substory dominated by *Staphylea*, pawpaw, and *Carpinus*, as in the eastern Ozarks. Dogwood, which is a dominant in substory in the eastern Ozarks, practically does not occur here.

(e) All these local dominants are found only in certain areas, and their distribution is limited. They do not enter the picture in all the plant successions within the Ozarks. For example, along Pomme de Terre River in Hickory County, *Carpinus* becomes less abundant and *Staphylea* and pawpaw predominate.

(f) On north- and east-facing limestone slopes where the climax type is reached, the herbaceous flora may be dominated by liverleaf



(*Hepatica acutiloba*), early meadow rue (*Thalictrum dioicum*), and thin grass (*Agrostis perennans*). Various mosses, such as *Mnium cuspidatum* and other species of *Mnium*, *Platygyrium repens* and *Orthotrichum pusillum*, may be common in this associates.

(g) The herbaceous flora may have also *Bromus purgans*, *Festuca obtusa*, *Hystrix patula*, *Osmorhiza Claytoni*, *Athyrium pycnocarpon*,



FIG. 29. Bee Bluff, along Current River, northeast of Eminence, Shannon County, in the southeastern Ozarks; showing the development of vegetation on a limestone bluff.

*Sanicula canadensis*, *Actaea pachypoda*, *Eupatorium urticaefolium*, and *Veratum Woodii*. *Thalictrum dioicum* is locally dominant on rich, north-facing slopes along Swan Creek, Christian County, Bee Fork, Reynolds County, some parts of the Gasconade River in Pulaski County, some parts of White and James rivers in Stone, Taney, and Barry counties, some parts of the Osage River in St. Clair County, and elsewhere in the Ozarks.

The climax development of a limestone slope will, therefore, be seen to simulate mostly the climax associates of a flood-plain development, the most common element in both being sugar maple. In both associations ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*) and flowering dogwood are conspicuous members of the understory. The one association begins as a hydrosere while the other starts as a xerosere, yet each ends in the climatic mesophytic climax. Since sugar maple favors alkaline to neutral soils, it naturally is found in both associations, in the flood-plain the development appearing on the richest



FIG. 30. Limestone bluffs along Eleven Points River, near mouth of White Creek, Oregon County, showing somewhat more advanced stage of cover than in Figs. 28 and 29.

alluvial climax soils, while on the limestone slope development it responds to the calcareous soils.

Likewise there is much interchange and overlapping of floras of the two preceding climax associations, particularly where the flora of the rich lower portions of the limestone slopes merges into that of the flood-plain flora. This is conspicuous in the case of such plants as pawpaw, bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*), leatherwood, butternut, spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*), buck brush (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*), and linden (*Tilia glabra*). These species occupy the lower slopes of the limestone flora, and occur also in the climax associates of the flood plain.

It should be borne in mind that one limestone hillside may show all stages of the succession. Very often most of the hillside will have reached a stage where most of the slope is covered with fairly deep soil and is well forested except for a few exposed rock outcrops

(fig. 27). The species of the deeper soil adjacent to the rock outcrops are constantly pioneering on any new portions of the outcrop or glade where some soil is available so that they can gain a foothold. This means that they are gradually crowding in on these rocky habitats marginal to the open glade or rock formation.

In the case of a limestone bluff, the succession starts similarly to that of the limestone glade from a xerosere stage and eventually reaches the climax associates of sugar maple-white oak. However, the succession in the former case is much more rapid, and differs somewhat from that of the limestone glade on account of the difference in gradient of the slope, which affects the drainage and moisture relationships markedly. In the beginning stages of a limestone bluff formation only a few herbs take hold in the crevices of the bluff. Common pioneer types are hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*), columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), bulblet bladder fern (*Cystopteris bulbifera*), cliffbrake fern (*Pellaea glabella* and *P. atropurpurea*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), and alum root (*Heuchera puberula* and *H. americana* var. *hirsuticaulis*).

As more soil accumulates and rocks disintegrate, a few hardy trees and shrubs, such as red cedar, *Bumelia lanuginosa*, *Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina*, *Physocarpus opulifolius* var. *intermedius*, and others, gain a foothold and help break up the rock and aid in soil formation (figs. 28, 29, and 30). More rapid succession takes place as a talus slope is built up with consequent occupation by many species, such as leafcup (*Polymnia canadensis*) and bladdernut (*Staphylea*), which carry the succession rapidly forward eventually toward the climax associates.

Thus far the associations which have been discussed are those whose final stages at least have developed largely from neutral to calcareous soils. We come now to a discussion of associations whose development proceeds from an acid type of soil.

### III. OAK-HICKORY ASSOCIATION

(*Quercus-Carya*)

The first of these associations to be described is the oak-hickory. This is the common and prevailing association over most of the Ozark ridges, uplands, and upper slopes of hills. It develops on the drier and more acid of the ridge tops and upper slopes (fig. 31) and is probably the most complex association found in the Ozark region.



Just as a sugar maple–white oak association originates from an open limestone glade, so the oak–hickory association takes its origin from a prairie association beginning on an acid substratum. Many parts of the plateau now covered with a dense stand of oak–hickory were, according to the early settlers and records of travelers and writers, originally a prairie. This again illustrates the natural tendency under a climatic mesophytic climax for an open barren or prairie habitat to end in a forested area. The upland prairie flora of much of the Ozarks overlies areas of acid soils produced by Roubidoux sandstone or residual chert. The prairie flora which covers an



FIG. 31. A typical Ozark landscape, showing the abundant coverage by the oak–hickory association on the ridge tops and plateaus. South of Harley, Barry County.

upland may also originate on a sandstone, chert, granitic, or porphyritic trachyte barren (fig. 32), of which there are many types scattered throughout the Ozarks.

(1) The first woody plants to invade this prairie flora are sassafras and winged sumac (fig. 33). Each forms local colonies and together they comprise the first developmental stage of the association, the sassafras–winged sumac (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*–*Rhus Copallina*) associates. Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) also at times forms societies in this associates. Persimmon alone frequently initiates instead of sassafras and winged sumac. Grasses and sedges common at this stage are wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*), slender fescue (*Festuca octoflora*), *Cyperus filiculmis*, and *Panicum linearifolium*.

(2) With the next stage the development of the forest flora becomes conspicuous, for it is at this time that black jack oak and



post oak penetrate the area. Usually these two trees are already present in a forest area contiguous to the prairie and merely move into the open territory afforded them. Black jack oak usually penetrates the area first, followed by post oak, the two constituting the black jack-post oak (*Quercus marilandica*-*Quercus stellata*) associates. This associates may form a temporary climax or subclimax over certain areas, and is particularly well developed on broad, level expanses of plateau of the Ozark Dome, as is especially well displayed on the level uplands in parts of Dent, Crawford, Shannon, Texas, Phelps, and Howell counties. Incursion of these oaks into



FIG. 32. Porphyritic trachyte glade of Red Rock Mountain, near Irondale, Washington County, showing a type of habitat which may be invaded by a prairie flora eventually culminating in an oak-hickory climax.

prairie habitats may frequently be observed along level prairie areas such as railroad right-of-ways and natural grassy openings bordering woods (fig. 34). This pioneering tendency of these scrub oaks to penetrate the prairie habitats is shown by the black jack-post oak "flats," which, according to earlier records and reports made by travelers and settlers in the region, were originally level, open, treeless expanses. In this associates the grasses of the preceding associates continue to occur, while broom sedge (*Andropogon virginicus*) and several species of *Panicum* also are found.

(3) The next successional development occurs with the entrance of black oak (*Quercus velutina*) into the black jack-post oak associates. Along with black oak usually appears Ozark hickory<sup>1</sup> (*Carya Buckleyi*

<sup>1</sup> The name Ozark hickory is applied here to distinguish this characteristic small-fruited Ozark species from *Carya glabra* and *C. cordiformis*, both known as pignuts. Since it would be very misleading to speak of a third type of hickory in Missouri as "pignut," the name "Ozark hickory" is preferred.

var. *arkansana*) and the two form a black oak–Ozark hickory associates (fig. 35). Since black jack and post oaks are light-demanding types, they begin to lose ground with the incursion into their associates of black oak. Black oak grows so much faster and eventually taller than the black jack and post oak that in time the latter become shaded, and this marks the beginning of an end for them; in other words, the beginning of another stage of the succession.

This black jack–post oak associates is the first of a later oak–hickory climax to invade the bald knobs and limestone glades of



FIG. 33. *Rhus Copallina* invading prairie habitat, one mile from Riverview bluffs, Morgan County. This is the first woody stage in the development of the oak–hickory association.

southwestern Missouri. Post oak and black jack oak begin this succession associated with the Ozark hickory; then black oak and Ozark hickory enter. On the knobs in later stages of succession are white oak and black oak, with post oak and Ozark hickory. The herbaceous flora found in this stage consists principally of *Tephrosia virginiana*, *Schrankia Nuttallii*, *Antennaria plantaginifolia*, *Lespedeza procumbens*, *Aster patens*, *Ascyrum hypericoides* var. *multicaule*, *Desmodium rotundifolium*, *Panicum dichotomum*, *P. sphaerocarpon*, *P. lanuginosum* var. *fasciculatum*, *P. flexile*, and *Acacia angustissima* var. *hirta*.

Usually black oak is the first to enter the black jack–post oak associates, but the oak–hickory association is a most complex one, and several other dominants or consociations may enter the black jack–post oak associates.

(a) There may be, for example, an incursion of white oak, which becomes dominant and with the black oak forms a white oak–black

oak associates. Or scarlet oak in the eastern Ozarks, as far west as Indian Creek and tributaries in Douglas County, may be the dominant oak type to penetrate the black jack-post oak associates.

(b) There may be an associates of scarlet oak-black oak with the scarlet oak predominant, or an associates of scarlet oak-Ozark hickory in which black oak is present, or there may be various mixtures of dominants, such as scarlet oak-Ozark hickory with black oak-Ozark hickory, or scarlet oak-black oak and white oak mixed.

(c) Sometimes in some of the porphyritic or granitic or sandstone territory in the southeastern Ozarks, in parts of St. Francois, Madison, Iron, Reynolds, and Wayne counties, winged elm, succeeding the black jack-post oak stage, may dominate to form an associates of winged elm-Ozark hickory (*Ulmus alata*-*Carya Buckleyi* var. *arkansana*).



FIG. 34. Upland woods with dense, grassy cover near head of Mud Creek, twelve miles north of Poplar Bluff, Butler County. Illustrates encroachment of oaks into prairie habitat, and shows the dominance of the blue-stem grasses in protected and unburned areas of pine or pine-oak forests. The area illustrated was unburned for many years.

(d) Also, in some parts of the Ozarks, as for example in the Potosi Ranger District of the Clark National Forest Purchase Unit in Washington County, northern red oak may follow a black jack-post oak associates and become dominant, together with black oak forming a northern red oak-black oak associates.

(e) In parts of southern Missouri southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*) may become dominant where it occurs, and with scarlet and black oak form an associates following a black jack-post oak associates.



The dominant understory shrubs of these various mixed oak-hickory associates consist of low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*) (fig. 35), and high-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium stamineum* and its var. *neglectum*). Low-bush huckleberry continues to dominate and exist throughout the Ozark region, but the high-bush



FIG. 35. An oak-hickory associates on a flat upland near Dillard, Crawford County. *Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum* is the dominant understory in such associations.

huckleberry begins to disappear as the northern and western borders of the Missouri Ozarks are reached. Under a scarlet oak-black oak associates or scarlet oak-Ozark hickory associates deerberry or farkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum* var. *glaucescens*) is dominant. It may be common also in other associates. While *Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum* is usually the climax understory in an oak-hickory or pine-oak associates, it may not always be. Sometimes, as in north-eastern Wright County near Beaver Creek, there is instead of *Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum* a great variety of herbs of an acid



soil flora, such as species of *Desmodium* and *Lespedeza*, *Psoralea psoraloides* var. *eglandulosa*, *Aureolaria grandiflora* var. *cinerea*, *Hieracium Gronovii*, species of *Panicum*, *Galactia volubilis* var. *mississippiensis*, *Solidago radula*, and others. Other common dominants forming the ground cover are summer grape (*Vitis aestivalis*), New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americanus*), and *Lespedeza procumbens*. Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) and sassafras are commonly found in the oak-hickory association from the black jack-post oak stage on. Winged sumac (*Rhus Copallina*) also is common in the association.

Sometimes black jack oak is absent from an area, leaving black oak, white oak, post oak, Ozark hickory, and shagbark hickory as associates. Ozark hickory is commoner usually on ridges or plateau tops and on south- and west-facing slopes than it is on north- or east-facing ones.

On the so-called "post oak flats," post oak, white oak, and Ozark hickory may be the common species, with white oak dominating. In some associates scarlet oak may be the abundant tree while in others it may be black oak.

These associates of the upland and ridge tops in the Ozark all develop on acid substrata and the herbaceous ground cover is tolerant of acid soil. In order of abundance throughout all the associates, in addition to those already listed, they are: dittany (*Cunila origanoides*), oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*), pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*), goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*), *Lespedeza repens*, *Panicum lanuginosum* var. *fasciculatum*, *Lespedeza hirta*, *Panicum dichotomum*, *Carex hirsutella*, cinquefoil (*Potentilla simplex* var. *genuina*), tick trefoil (*Desmodium marilandicum* and *D. rotundifolium*), and *Carex artitecta*. Other common herbaceous plants are *Aster patens*, *A. turbinellus*, *A. anomalus*, *A. linariifolius*, *Solidago ulmifolia*, and *S. petiolaris* var. *Wardii*.

*Leucobryum*, *Catharinea*, *Polytrichum*, and *Dicranum* are usually the most abundant mosses in this oak-hickory association; while of grasses, oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*), species of *Panicum*, and occasionally blue-stem (*Andropogon scoparius* and *A. provincialis*) are most conspicuous.

#### IV. OAK-PINE ASSOCIATION

(*Quercus-Pinus echinata*)

The next association, the oak-pine, will require some prefacing. Weaver and Clements (*Plant ecology*) consider pine only as a fire subclimax of the deciduous forest. This will be more fully discussed later. Suffice it to state at this time that these studies reveal that

southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*) in the Ozark region has not developed as a fire subclimax, but has originated as a natural association which is usually mixed with various climax species of oak. This association consists of two associates: (1) a pure pine type with species of *Vaccinium* forming the understory, which may be called the pine-

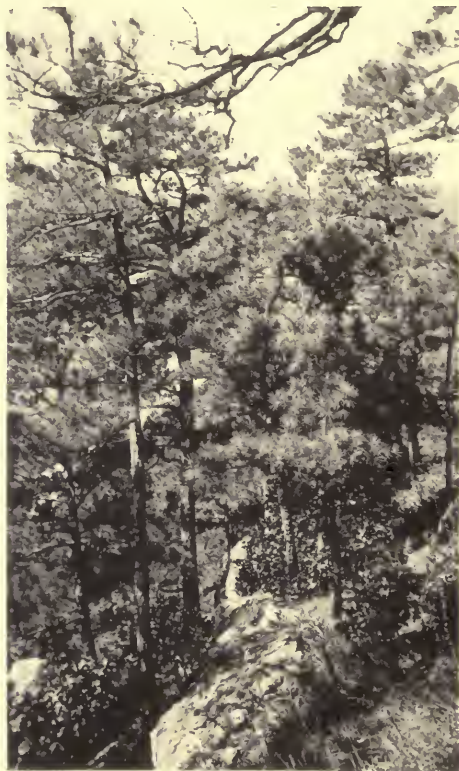


FIG. 36. *Pinus echinata* developed in almost pure stand on Pine Bluff, overlying Roubidoux sandstone along Meramec River, four miles south of St. Clair, Franklin County.

huckleberry (*Pinus echinata*-*Vaccinium*) associates, and (2) the mixed oak-pine (*Quercus*-*Pinus*) associates.

Pine occurs on acid soils associated with such rocks as sandstone, chert or flint, and granite or porphyritic trachyte, which yield acid soils. On such soils it is usually found on the upper slopes of hills, or on narrow ridges underlain by sandstone or chert. It is much commoner on the narrower ridges than on the broader, flat, undissected plateau portions; in other words, it is most dominant where the upland is most dissected and the drainage pattern best developed.

(1) Pure stands of pine are rare today and occur locally along the tops and upper slopes of the ridges and on bare sandstone or chert glades or outcrops (figs. 36 and 37). A pure pine associates may start wherever exposed acid rock or the like occurs. On such bare or exposed areas pine, free from any other woody species, pioneers by



FIG. 37. Pure pine stand on ridge top north of Bunker, Reynolds County. Note the sparse herbaceous undergrowth characteristic of the coverage under a pure pine grove.

seeding itself. This incursion by pine on open ledges and outcrops free from competitors results in a local pure stand. Species of blueberry, locally called huckleberry, low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*), *Vaccinium stamineum* and its var. *neglectum*, and farkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum* var. *glaucescens*) comprise the climax understory in the pure pine associates. The herbaceous ground cover under pure pine is very sparse, consisting mostly of *Lespedeza procumbens* and *L. repens*, horsemint (*Monarda Bradburiana*), catgut (*Tephrosia virginiana*), dittany (*Cunila origanoides*), tick trefoil



(*Desmodium marilandicum* and *D. rotundifolium*), and pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*). Species of *Panicum* (*P. linearifolium*, *P. dichotomum*, *P. commutatum* var. *Ashei*, and *P. lanuginosum* var. *fasciculatum*), slender fescue grass (*Festuca octoflora* var. *tenella*), oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*), species of *Carex* (*C. hirsutella* and *C. artitecta*), broom sedge (*Andropogon virginicus*), and blue-stem (*Andropogon scoparius* and *A. provincialis*), comprise the dominant grasses and sedges. Such pure stands of pine today occur around Pickle Creek and River Aux-Vases in Sainte Genevieve County, and in portions of the Piney and St. Francis River country. Extensive lumbering has diminished much of the pine stands, and pine forests were formerly much more numerous in many places than they are today.

(2) Much more common than the pure pine associates is the mixed oak-pine associates, which may have several variations. The associates may consist of (a) black jack and post oak with pine, or (b) black oak, mockernut hickory, and Ozark hickory with pine, or of (c) white, black, and scarlet oak, Ozark hickory and shagbark or mockernut hickory with pine. The last type is the commonest and climax stage, in which pine is associated with the dominant or climax species of the oak-hickory association. This last stage develops from the second, which in turn proceeds from the first stage of succession with the pine.

#### *Variations in Stage No. 2:*

(a) The first type, with black jack, post oak, and pine usually develops in an area where a pine stand is contiguous to a black jack-post oak woods. At the zone of contact between the two some of the black jack and post oak seed themselves in natural openings in the pine forest, and in time form a mixed forest with the pine. In other words, the oak has penetrated into the pine forest rather than vice versa. The black jack and post oak also may enter a pine stand when the latter is developed on bare sandstone or chert outcrops. Such exposures of acid rock or even shallow soil areas with acid rock near the surface may give a foothold here and there for pioneer black jack and post oak. Once these oaks take hold, they begin to increase in other openings and again the mixed type occurs.

(b) Pine grows faster and consequently taller than black jack and post oak and is never actually dominated or towered over by them. In time, however, black oak, together with the hickories mentioned in the second type, invades the black jack-post oak-pine associates, and enters into competition with the pine, finally suppress-



ing, by over-shading, the black jack and post oak. The oaks or hickories, while they do not succeed in overtopping the previously existing growth of pine with its more rapid rate of growth, may eliminate it by over-shading and crowding out the seedling pines.

(c) The third and climax stage of mixed oak and pine occurs after white and scarlet oak penetrate the last associates. This climax type is best developed on the narrow ridges and upper slopes of hills or heads of ravines and draws (fig. 15). A similar understory of species of *Vaccinium* dominates this associates; likewise, the herbaceous ground flora and grass associates is the same, with the exception that it is usually more luxuriant and of greater density than in a pure pine associates. The commonest mosses in this associates are *Leucobryum albidum*, *Catharinea*, *Dicranum scoparium*, *Polytrichum ohioense*, *Cirriphyllum Boscii*, and *Aulacomnium heterostichum*. Other shrubs besides *Vaccinium* in this associates are greenbrier (*Smilax glauca* var. *leuophylla*), smooth sumac (*Rhus glabra*), and winged sumac (*Rhus Copallina*). There is usually an abundance of broom sedge (*Andropogon virginicus*) and little blue-stem (*Andropogon scoparius*) in this stage.

The existence of pure pine stands of greater extent than those today will be discussed in a later portion of this paper.

## V. WHITE OAK-RED MAPLE ASSOCIATION

(*Quercus alba*-*Acer rubrum*)

The last association to be discussed is that of white oak-red maple (*Quercus alba*-*Acer rubrum*). This would probably be united by Weaver and Clements with the oak-hickory association, but it always takes its origin from the same type of topographical expression and is so distinct that it seems a most natural one. This association commonly develops from drainages in acid soil areas, such as slight draws in ravines, heads of tributaries of streams, and upper slopes of hills and ravines. It may be initiated in the following manner: From the run-off following rains along the angle of dip of a slope, an otherwise level, broad plateau may develop a slight draw (or wash), which eventually serves as a path (or course) along and down which rainwater will trickle.

(1) This draw is occupied by the first stage, the flowering dogwood-sour gum (*Cornus florida*-*Nyssa sylvatica*) associates. These two trees pioneer with sassafras.

Sometimes on gravel washes which begin high or far up the ravines at the headwaters of a tributary, Ozark witch hazel (*Hama-*

*melis vernalis*) may be found, and in such places Ward's willow may also be present. The Ozark witch hazel occurs on draws which lead eventually into a stream or tributary of a stream, but is not found where an upland slope does not lead directly into a tributary.

On the gravel wash or cherty draw of the first stage of succession shrubby St. John's-wort (*Hypericum prolificum*) and hazel (*Corylus americana*) are often found.

(2) As the drainage head becomes more deeply dissected and a larger and deeper ravine develops, other species enter, and by this time red maple, which had previously made its appearance in the first associates, now becomes the dominant member, with mockernut hickory, to form the second stage of development, the red maple-mockernut hickory (*Acer rubrum*-*Carya tomentosa*) associates. In this associates smooth sumac (*Rhus glabra*), winged elm (*Ulmus alata*), and serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*) are found together with the other woody species of the preceding associates. Pine may enter at this stage where footholds on open, rocky places occur. The pine in such places is scattered because of the discontinuous nature of the openings and the consequent more or less crowded conditions for entering the associates. As one approaches the northwestern limit of the Ozark region, red maple and sour gum, here at their northwestern distributional limits within Missouri, gradually become less conspicuous and drop out of the associates as important species, their places being taken more conspicuously by serviceberry, Ozark hickory, and flowering dogwood.

As the ravine is deepened and more soil accumulates, the forest becomes well mixed with other species and a number of oaks of sour soil types enter, such as white, scarlet, and black oaks. Northern red oak may occur; in this associates bitternut hickory often appears.

(3) Although the white oak had made its appearance at an earlier stage of succession, it now becomes the dominant species with red maple and forms the final stage, the white oak-red maple (*Quercus alba*-*Acer rubrum*) associates. Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*), farkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum* var. *glaucescens*), and fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) comprise the main understory shrub layer, and in the southeastern Ozarks greenbrier (*Smilax glauca* var. *leuophylla*) should be included as a common member of the understory. The herbaceous ground cover consists of the usual thin, rocky, acid soil dominants of catgut, dittany, and some others, such as bracken fern (*Pteridium latiusculum*), *Lespedeza hirta*, and tick trefoil (*Desmodium marilandicum*

and *D. rotundifolium*), *Aureolaria grandiflora* var. *cinerea*, *A. pectinata*, *A. calycosa* (in the southeastern Ozarks), *Aster linariifolius*, *Solidago hispida*, and *Houstonia longifolia*. Other common species here are *Euphorbia corollata*, *Rosa carolina*, and *R. subserrulata*.

This ravine formation develops in acid soil areas and as the headwaters enlarge the valley and ravine, the floras of the lower slopes and valley penetrate the richer slopes and ravine bottom of



FIG. 38. South-facing limestone bluffs along White River opposite Table Rock, Taney County, showing how a vertical cross section of this locality would include all stages in the development of a flood-plain association, through the stages leading to the coverage of a limestone slope, and eventually, over a cherty substratum, to the stages leading to the oak-hickory climax.

the new drainage with such species as pawpaw, American horn-beam (*Carpinus caroliniana*), spicebush, redbud, chinquapin oak, butternut, shagbark hickory, and mulberry, while the flora of the ridge tops, plateaus, and upper slopes descends somewhat and overlaps that of the ravine and drainage types. Thus, the flora may become very diversified as the head of a ravine is followed down its course. Red maple, sour gum, white oak, and mockernut hickory comprise the tallest dominants, with flowering dogwood, sassafras, and service-berry forming the conspicuous understory. One sees this association developed in all the ravines having acid soils and on all acid soil slopes along the dissected courses of streams.

These associations have been traced according to their origin and place of development. While they have been discussed in detail separately and disconnectedly, it should be emphasized that they



are all contiguous and overlapping. A good example of the close proximity of the associations is in connection with a limestone bluff along a river course. A vertical cross section of this bluff might reveal several stages in the development of the flood-plain flora following the river (fig. 38), leading to a limestone bluff with its various associates from a limestone glade or eroded escarpment to a climax or semiclimax stand of sugar maple-white oak; while directly overlying the limestone bluff formation might occur an eroded chert or sandstone ridge covered by red maple-white oak or pine-oak association,



FIG. 39. Right half of picture in background in white is covered by *Juniperus virginiana* overlying a limestone substratum; left half of picture mixed oak and pine overlying chert substratum. Shows how two totally unlike associations may develop side by side if growing on certain substrata. Along highway No. 19, two miles north of Eminence, Shannon County.

and on the broader plateau portion away from the hill slope might occur a climax oak-hickory association.

Also, as a result of variations in substratum even on one hillside and in the degree of erosion of the substrata, part of an association may be in some stage of development located amidst another association. This is a common occurrence on some limestone slopes where chert has been exposed along a draw or has been eroded from the surrounding limestone formation. This natural admixture of associations often results in a mixture of the understory. The effect of the substratum upon the plant association which develops on it is well shown where one part of a hillside which has a limestone substratum develops the calciphilous red cedar associates, while adjacent to the latter on a cherty soil is developed the oxylophilous southern yellow pine associates (figs. 39 and 40).



## SUBCLIMAX STAGES IN THE OZARKS

Throughout the study of natural succession in the Ozarks, various subclimax stages were observed in the different associations.

(a) There are two subclimaxes possible in the successional stages over an eroded limestone substratum covered eventually by a sugar maple-white oak association: (1) a red cedar subclimax, and (2) a chinquapin oak subclimax. The former (*Juniperus virginiana*) type may persist as long as eroded limestone bluffs or glades remain. Red cedar is a pioneer and monopolizer of such limestone-barren areas. Ozark uplifts followed by erosion have been the natural means of preserving such areas, which have been constantly occupied and reoccupied by cedar. As long as a bare rocky limestone substratum occurs, cedar will be its dominant occupant. Dynamiting of limestone areas to open up new exposures of rock, or artificial prevention of soil cover over the limestone barren are methods by which the area could be enlarged, if desired. Also, cutting so that only cedar is left will again bring on a cedar associates, since, being a light-demanding species, it will pioneer on open places.

(b) Another subclimax, that of chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*) is reached on south- and west-facing limestone slopes. As already explained, the covering up of a red cedar glade eventually leads to dominance of the chinquapin oak stage. This may eventually culminate in the climax sugar maple, but a subclimax of the chinquapin oak may be reached on south- and west-facing slopes. At least, on such slopes chinquapin oak can last indefinitely because the greater exposure and drouth, and the windswept nature of such slopes, tend to keep chinquapin oak dominant and at the same time prevent sugar maple from encroaching upon such dry exposures.

(c) Another subclimax is reached in the development of the flood-plain flora. As will be recalled from discussions above, the flora of the flood-plain areas culminates in a sugar maple-bitternut hickory climax associates. It is possible before this climax stage is reached for a subclimax of elm in the elm-ash associates to be developed. A subclimax of elm may continue as long as conditions are unfavorable for the entrance of sugar maple into the associates (example No. 161). This may occur in several ways. If, for example, a flood-plain flora is developing within a region surrounded by acid soils of sandstone or chert, and the acid soils prevent entrance of sugar maple upon the slopes underlain by such rock, the elm in the valley would reach its dominance and not become eventually dominated by sugar maple, as would be the case if it were in a region surrounded immedi-

ately by limestone substrata. Also, a subclimax of elm would be reached in a region outside the distributional limits of sugar maple. Besides, in a flood-plain region developed where there are no rock exposures, such as in a prairie area, or in a flood plain in a late stage of valley development where the flood plain is several miles wide bordered by low hills with few or no outcrops, the subclimax of elm may be attained.

(d) Just as a subclimax of red cedar may be reached on an eroded limestone slope, so may a subclimax of southern yellow pine be



FIG. 40. Right half of picture in background in white is covered by *Juniperus virginiana* overlying a limestone substratum; left half of picture mixed oak and pine overlying chert substratum. Shows how two totally unlike associations may develop side by side if growing on certain substrata. Along highway No. 19, two miles north of Eminence, Shannon County.

attained on an eroded sandstone or chert slope, ledge, or bare rock exposure. Pine is a pioneer on such rocky ledges and once it has gained a foothold on these areas, it monopolizes and takes possession of them. As long as pine has the open rock free from other woody species and undisturbed so that it can continue to invade and reseed on such areas, it will remain dominant and uncontaminated and so form a pine subclimax. In other words, as long as pine has penetrated the acid rocky area first, and the thin, acid soils continue as such, pine will form a dominance of a subclimax stage. This natural pioneering of pine on undisturbed, light, open territory is the basis for an understanding of the past history and the future of pine in the Ozark forests. In the past there were undoubtedly more stands of pine of larger and in many cases purer extent than there are today. This is borne out by logging records, by reports by early geologists

and scientific observers throughout the Ozarks, such as those of Shumard and Broadhead, and by reports of older settlers and "old-timers" within the region. Some of the records of pure pine stands from the latter sources were, no doubt, exaggerated, since early lumbermen and settlers frequently judged as pure a stand composed of 80-90 per cent pine, or, in other words, were "pine-minded" where the pine occurred in thicker and purer stands. According to some settlers, the entire country was covered with pine. When such reports are more critically traced to their sources, it is usually discovered that pine was found on the upper slopes and narrower ridges while the ravine bottoms and broader plateau expanses were occupied by oaks and hickories.

The natural pine succession in itself helps to explain the previous greater dominance and abundance of pine. As has already been explained, as soon as black jack and other oaks penetrate a pine stand, that purity of stand is gone forever, since the various hardwoods continue to compete and the pine is unable to suppress their continued development, with the result that a mixed oak-pine forest is developed. The demand by pine for light plus no competition explains the reason why pine in the Ozarks today will not reseed itself to a pure pine stand in an existent oak-pine forest. But pure pine stands may be seen today where pine is spreading into bare, sterile, or fallow fields overlying acid soil, or onto bare, acid rocks, or over thin, acid soils recently exposed by burns, road cuts, or dynamiting. Since it is well known, by records of scientific travelers throughout the Ozarks, and by reports of settlers and surveyors, that many portions of the upland Ozark plateau now forested were open prairie a hundred years or more ago, and since many such upland areas included open sandstone or chert ledges or outcrops, it is reasonable to believe that pine in pure and large stands pioneered and occupied such open areas. Present areas of similar nature support a dense pine growth and it seems likely that past areas would have had the same ecologic expression.

While pines existed in denser and purer stands many years ago, there were nevertheless upland forests of oak and mixed oak-pine. The records of earlier surveyors and scientific travelers not only record the "pineries" but also call attention to upland forests of oak and oak-hickory, alternating with pine. The oak and oak-hickory association always has been common in the Ozark region, but as a result of lumbering the pine forests, oaks and hickories have penetrated more into the areas occupied by the latter and have become even commoner than previously. This also is borne out by earlier



settlers' observations. In other words, oak becomes a real rival to the pine, and the latter can merely hold its own, and is unable to seed itself to advantage or gain dominance once it becomes mixed with oak and hickory. If most of the oaks and hickories are cut, pine has a clearing again of open and light, more or less undisturbed territory, and will seed itself in such situations. This condition may readily be seen today in driving over highways in the Ozarks where pine seedlings may be observed pioneering on the bare, open, acid soils along the road.

The facts that today on bare or open, acid, sandstone or chert ledges or acid soil prairies, the blue-stem grasses (*Andropogon scoparius* and *A. provincialis*) dominate, and that these same grasses appear commonly in protected or unburned areas in pine and pine-oak forests, seem to offer proof that pine enters such prairie grass areas and that under a condition of an open forest these same grasses continue to grow (fig. 34). Thus, the forest has occupied and is occupying the prairie, and the blue-stem and other prairie grasses now found in pine and pine-oak and other forest types merely remind us of the former existence of that area as a prairie, rather than as a forest type. In other words, the forest has gradually been encroaching upon the prairie rather than vice versa.

As one goes northward and northwestward along the border of the Ozarks, pine becomes less and less conspicuous, while oaks and hickories become commoner. The chances of the occurrence of pure pine stands diminish as one goes toward the boundary of the Ozark region, while the chances of the occurrence of mixed pine-oak and oak-hickory stands increase. Thus, around the Dillard camp area in the Clark National Forest Purchase Unit and in other places in that region pine is absent, being too near its northern limit or as far as its past geological migration has permitted it to go. However, post and black jack oak and Ozark hickory in that region are supported by an upland acid soil, and pine could easily be planted on such a soil and could become common, provided the necessary light, open, undisturbed conditions could be given. This would apply elsewhere on existent acid soil areas.

## PLANT INDICATORS OF ACIDITY AND ALKALINITY

On account of the unglaciated condition of the Ozarks, with residual soils and rock outcrops everywhere, the relationship between the occurrence of a species and its underlying substratum is very obvious. It is true that other factors, such as the exposure



of the slope, i.e. whether north or south, or the proximity to water, or exposure to sunlight, play an important rôle in affecting distribution of the various species, but the factor of the soil acidity in relation to the rock from which the soil has been derived appears to be the most important one in determining distributions of many species. This is most apparent wherever the soil is thin and the rock substratum is near the surface or exposed as bluffs, ledges, and the like. So frequently is the same species found on particular soils of an acid or alkaline reaction, that many species are actually indicators of certain types of soils.

The acid soils of the Ozarks are derived from sandstone, cherts, and flints, or granitic rocks, while the alkaline types originate from limestones and dolomites. The ridge tops and upper slopes of many of the hills in the Ozarks are mostly acid in soil reaction because they are underlain by either sandstones or cherts. This is one reason why pine occurs largely on ridge tops and upper slopes. The limestones, on the other hand, are exposed mainly as bluffs and in outcrops along the streams and from the bases of hills to two-thirds or three-fourths the way up the slope, and these give rise to alkaline soils. Draws in the heads of ravines which usually originate in the upper cherty portions of the upland are generally of an acid nature. Plant species of alkaline soils are often found on neutral soils as well. The alluvial soils and those found in the development of the flood-plain flora are usually types about neutral in reaction and there no plant indicators are found on them. White oak is found on all types of soils, both acid and alkaline, dry and rocky as well as alluvial, and does not indicate any particular acidity type.

(a) The following species in the Ozarks are *plant indicators* of *acid* soils, and where limited to certain associates the name of that associate is given immediately after the scientific name:

- Agrostis (*Agrostis Elliottiana*)
- Aster (*Aster linariifolius*)
- Bastard toadflax (*Comandra Richardsiana*)
- Bedstraw (*Galium arkansanum*)
- Bedstraw (*Galium pilosum*)
- Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)
- Black or sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
- Blue curls (*Trichostema dichotomum*)
- Blue-stem (*Andropogon scoparius* var. *genuinus*)
- Bluet (*Houstonia longifolia*)
- Bracken (*Pteridium latiusculum*)
- Broom sedge (*Andropogon Elliottii*)
- Broom sedge (*Andropogon virginicus* var. *genuinus*)
- Bulbostylis (*Bulbostylis capillaris*)
- Bush clover (*Lespedeza hirta*)

- Bush clover (*Lespedeza procumbens*)
- Bush clover (*Lespedeza repens*)
- Bush clover (*Lespedeza virginica*)
- Catgut, hoary pea (*Tephrosia virginiana*)
- Cinquefoil (*Potentilla canadensis* var. *villosissima*)
- Cinquefoil (*Potentilla simplex*)
- Crotonopsis (*Crotonopsis elliptica*)
- Dropseed (*Sporobolus vaginiflorus*)
- Early bunch grass (*Sphenopholis nitida*)
- Fall witch grass (*Leptoloma cognatum*)
- False dandelion (*Krigia Dandelion*)
- Farkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum* and var. *glaucescens*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago hispida*)
- Greenbrier (*Smilax glauca* var. *leuophylla*)
- Harvey's buttercup (*Ranunculus Harveyi*)
- Hedgehog club-rush (*Cyperus filiculmis*)
- Hedgehog club-rush (*Cyperus ovularis*)
- High-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium stamineum* and var. *neglectum*)
- Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)
- Knotweed (*Polygonum tenue*)
- Ladies' tobacco (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)
- Liverleaf (*Hepatica americana*)
- Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* and var. *crinitum*)
- Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)
- Ozark hickory (*Carya Buckleyi* var. *arkansana*)
- Panic grass (*Panicum depauperatum*)
- Panic grass (*Panicum dichotomum*)
- Panic grass (*Panicum lanuginosum* var. *fasciculatum*)
- Panic grass (*Panicum linearifolium*)
- Panic grass (*Panicum perlongum*)
- Panic grass (*Panicum sphaerocarpon*)
- Paspalum (*Paspalum ciliatifolium* var. *Muhlenbergii*)
- Pencil flower (*Stylosanthes biflora*)
- Pine-weed (*Hypericum gentianoides*)
- Pinweed (*Lechea tenuifolia*)
- Pinweed (*Lechea villosa*)
- Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)
- Poverty grass (*Aristida dichotoma*)
- Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)
- Rough buttonweed (*Diodia teres*)
- Rush (*Juncus marginatus*)
- St. Andrew's cross (*Ascyrum hypericoides* var. *multicaule*)
- Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)
- Sedge (*Carex artitecta*)
- Sedge (*Carex hirsutella*)
- Sedge (*Carex umbellata*)
- Sensitive pea (*Cassia nictitans*)
- Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)
- Slender fescue grass (*Festuca octoflora* var. *tenella*)
- Southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*)
- Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)
- Spiderwort (*Tradescantia longipes*)
- Star violet (*Houstonia pusilla*)
- Sundrops (*Oenothera linifolia*)
- Tick trefoil (*Desmodium laevigatum*)
- Tick trefoil (*Desmodium marilandicum*)

Tick trefoil (*Desmodium nudiflorum*)  
 Tick trefoil (*Desmodium obtusum*)  
 Tick trefoil (*Desmodium rotundifolium*)  
 Triple-awned grass (*Aristida oligantha*)  
 Turkey pea (*Clitoria mariana*)  
 Violet (*Viola triloba* and var. *dilatata*)  
 Wild honeysuckle, pink azalea (*Rhododendron nudiflorum* var. *roseum*)  
 Wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*)  
 Woodrush (*Luzula campestris* var. *bulbosa*)  
 Yellow star grass (*Hypoxis hirsuta*)

(b) The following species in the Ozarks are *plant indicators* of *alkaline* soils, and where limited to certain associates, the name of that associate is given immediately after the scientific name:

Asclepiodora (*Asclepiodora viridis*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 Bedstraw (*Galium virgatum*); cedar associates  
 Blue ash (*Fraxinus quadrangulata*); chinquapin-ash associates  
 Buckthorn (*Rhamnus lanceolata*)  
 Calamint (*Satureja glabella* var. *angustifolia*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*); chinquapin-ash associates  
 Chittim-wood (*Bumelia lanuginosa*)  
 Cowbane (*Oxypolis rigidior*)  
 Crosswort (*Lysimachia longifolia*)  
 Early meadow rue (*Thalictrum dioicum*)  
 Evolvulus (*Evolvulus Nuttallianus*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 False aloe (*Agave virginica*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 Wood's hellebore (*Veratrum Woodii*)  
 False pennyroyal (*Isanthus brachiatus*)  
 Feverfew (*Parthenium hispidum*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 Goldenrod (*Solidago Drummondii*)  
 Grass-of-parnassus (*Parnassia grandifolia*)  
 Heliotropium (*Heliotropium tenellum*); cedar associates  
 Houstonia (*Houstonia nigricans*); cedar associates  
 Indian cherry (*Rhamnus caroliniana* var. *mollis*); cedar associates  
 Kentucky blue grass (*Poa pratensis*)  
 Leavenworthia (*Leavenworthia uniflora*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 Liverleaf (*Hepatica acutiloba*)  
 Melic grass (*Melica nitens*); cedar associates  
 Missouri primrose (*Oenothera missouriensis*); cedar associates  
 Mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*)  
 Prairie clover (*Petalostemum purpureum*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
 Rudbeckia (*Rudbeckia palustris*)  
 Running strawberry-bush (*Euonymus obovatus*)  
 Rush (*Juncus diffusissimus*)  
 Sandwort (*Arenaria patula*); *Bouteloua-Rudbeckia* associates  
 Satin grass (*Muhlenbergia sobolifera*)  
 Schneek's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii* var. *Schneckii*); chinquapin-ash associates  
 Scurfy pea (*Psoralea tenuiflora*); cedar associates  
 Sedge (*Carex eburnea*)  
 Sedge (*Carex leptalea*)  
 Side-oats grama grass (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)  
 Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)  
 Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)  
 Tansy mustard (*Descurainia pinnata* var. *brachycarpa*)

Umbrella grass (*Fuirena simplex*)  
 Vervain (*Verbena simplex*); cedar associates  
 Whitlow Grass (*Draba cuneifolia*); *Bouteloua*-*Rudbeckia* associates  
 Widow's cross (*Sedum pulchellum*)  
 Wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*); chinquapin-ash associates  
 Wild onion (*Allium stellatum*); cedar associates

Most of the acid soil indicators occur in woods of either red maple-white oak, oak-pine, or oak-hickory associates. Those most indicative of calcareous soils are found, especially in the first few stages, in the covering of the limestone glade, first the limestone glade, then the "cedar" stage, and finally on to the chinquapin oak and eventually sugar maple stage.

## ECOLOGICAL VARIATIONS INDUCED BY BURNING, LOGGING, CLEARING, AND OTHER UNNATURAL CAUSES

The various units and their succession as above discussed represent the natural and typical manner in which the vegetation has developed. There have, however, been various factors at work, such as burning, overgrazing, logging, and erosion, which have often helped to change the natural aspect of the succession. The present picture, therefore, in places, represents a hodgepodge, because while the association is still recognizable as a unit, the component species of its various stages have been suppressed at one time or in one section while accelerated at another period or in some other portion. This has led to an unbalanced and often unnatural appearance of the association. The various factors which cause this variation also work unevenly. Burning alone may cause certain changes in the normal course and rate of development, while over-grazing or logging alone may effect still other changes. When, however, instead of one of these acting alone there is a combination of burning, logging, and over-grazing, the effect of an unequal rate of development of the various species may be visualized.

*Burning.*—Burning has very definite results on succession. In taking stock of burns both the forest cover and the herbaceous ground flora must be considered; too frequently only the effect on the former has been stressed. Spring burns do considerably less damage than summer burns, so far as the effect on the succession is concerned, as they only retard it or keep it at a standstill. The herbaceous ground flora does not suffer extensively from a spring burn; a few of the more tender species may perish here and there as a result of diminished humus cover, but in general the ground cover remains at a standstill from year to year (fig. 41). The effect of spring burns on the forest and understory is even less than that



on the herbaceous ground cover. The trees and shrubs after spring burns throw out new foliage; some become scorched here and there, but the killing effect is negligible. The quality of the timber does not suffer nearly as greatly from spring burns as from the scarred effects left on the wood by summer burns. Repeated annual spring burning for a few years merely destroys the yearly leaf litter, and thereby keeps the soil light and more or less open, preventing the accumulation of a dense leaf litter. This naturally allows those species which



FIG. 41. Effect of a spring burn, showing a very light density of forest floor coverage. Note the open patches of soil between the herbs. Twelve miles north of Poplar Bluff, T. 26 N., R. 7 E., sec. 20 and 21, Butler County.

favor light, open ground, relatively free from leaves, to become commoner and more or less dominant.<sup>1</sup>

Gradually, however, annual spring burnings wear down the soil cover, and if continued over many years—perhaps 20 or 30—soil may be worn down to its underlying rock substratum, which in the

<sup>1</sup> At this point it may be stated that most of the burns observed occurred on acid soil substrata, either upland slopes, ridges, and broad plateaus, or ravines and draws in acid soil areas; therefore, in the oak-hickory, red maple-white oak, or oak-pine associations. No burns were observed within the limestone soil areas of the sugar maple-white oak association. This may be due to the fact that most of the limestone areas are in broken, rough country in the form of bluffs or glades, usually next to streams, a type of country seldom fired by the Ozark people, while the commonly fired hilltops and adjoining uplands and ravines have an underlying acid substratum of eroded chert, flint, or sandstone. Thus, there are perpetuated upon such places species found on light, open, acid soils, such as catgut (*Tephrosia virginiana*), dittany (*Cunila organoides*), pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*), horsemint (*Monarda Bradburiana*), bracken fern (*Pteridium latiusculum*), and various species of *Lespedeza* and tick trefoil (*Desmodium rotundifolium*, *D. Dillenii*, *D. marilandicum*, *D. obtusum*, and others), sensitive pea (*Cassia nictitans*), cinquefoil (*Potentilla simplex*), and oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*).

case of much of the Ozarks is Roubidoux sandstone or chert. Thus, in many parts of the Ozark region many flinty hills are so exposed that they resemble a barren rock pile. In such cases the soil is worthless and will support only a sparse cover, much more sparse than before, and this sparse cover is very often dominated by the worth-



FIG. 42. Damage done by summer burn, along highway No. 49, just south of Black, Reynolds County. The burn occurred on June 25 and the picture was taken August 14 of the same year. Note how the area was burned down to the chert substratum, and how the sumac (*Rhus Copallina*) has already sprouted at the bases of the stems.

less oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*). If practiced for many years, spring burning leads eventually to destruction of a soil cover and causes the herbaceous ground cover to revert to an earlier stage of succession.

The effect of a spring burn on the succession is rather slow compared with that of a summer burn. Summer burns cause serious scars on the bark which leave impressions in the wood, so that its

quality is injured. Summer burns do not kill the older trees but only the lower branches of some of the younger ones, but very often one-year-old to twenty-year-old saplings are killed. Saplings are killed from the tops to the base of the stem, and if they come back thereafter, it is from the sprouting of underground shoots (fig. 42).



FIG. 43. Same burn shown in Fig. 42. Note damage done to the herbaceous vegetation.

The understory succession may be set back from one to twenty years as a result of a summer burn. Usually a summer burn throws back the stage of succession only a few years.

The effect of a summer burn on the herbaceous ground cover is much more abrupt and deteriorating (fig. 43). The more tender herbaceous growth is killed outright and many species usually do not recover enough to come up again from sprouts. Thus many species are lost in that area for a while and may not return for many years, and in the case of some selective types, may never return. As a rule,



however, members of the Leguminosae, Compositae, Euphorbiaceae, and Gramineae survive summer burns sufficiently to come back from underground shoots. Species of *Lespedeza* and *Desmodium*, catgut (*Tephrosia*), *Rosa*, *Antennaria*, *Panicum*, *Danthonia*, *Carex*, winged and smooth sumacs (*Rhus Copallina* and *R. glabra*), flowering spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*), and a few others come up again after summer burns. The succession of the herbaceous ground cover is, however, set back several years, because summer burns wear the soil away to the rocky substratum stage so much sooner (fig. 42), and the more this condition is approached, the more rapidly the earlier stages of ground vegetation are reached.

These spring and summer burns do not at the time of their occurrence destroy all the herbaceous ground cover of an area. Most of it is taken, but patches here and there are left untouched, and species from these unburned patches have the advantage of reproducing their kind over the barren area without much interference, so that certain species sooner or later may dominate the burned areas. Summer burns may be said to wear down the soil cover more rapidly than spring burns and throw back the succession more quickly to an earlier stage of development.

Burning in general has a deteriorating effect by diminishing most of the palatable forage grasses, and this is an important issue in the entire question of burns. The grass that used to be the commonest and best range grass in the Ozarks was blue-stem (*Andropogon scoparius* mostly, with some *A. provincialis*). This covered large tracts in open oak-hickory and oak-pine woodlands and occurred in great density. Blue-stem and broom sedge (*Andropogon virginicus*), species of *Panicum*, *Sorghastrum nutans*, and species of *Carex* (*C. artitecta*, *C. hirsutella*, and others), were common. Wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*) was much less common then than today, because the other grasses prevented its development. As fires increased and annual burning became commoner with increased settlement, the density of the important grasses became less and less. Finally, in many places the stage was reached where bare, open places existed, and became commoner as grass and other herbage grew less dense. This type of light, open, rocky soil habitat became the territory which wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*) most favored. It increased in such open, rocky areas and in time became dominant, until now it is the commonest grass of the upland acid slopes and ridges. It is not a good forage grass, and its establishment on light, open, rocky soil areas caused by burning indicates the harm caused by repeated and un-



controlled burning. If the people in the Ozarks burn their forests to get a cover of more grass for forage, they are being deceived into believing that oats grass is good, while as a matter of fact it is inferior.

The rate of deterioration or reversion to an earlier and earlier stage of the ground cover is directly influenced by the slope gradient. In



FIG. 44. Flat ridge top in *Quercus alba*-*Quercus stellata* woodland, four miles northwest of Bunker, Reynolds County. Note thick leaf covering with resultant scarcity of undergrowth.

the case of a steep slope, the soil is worn down much more rapidly to flint or sandstone than in that of the flat upland ridge or plateau. With the latter a very much longer period of time is required to wear the ground down to a rock substratum.

Shading and the density of leaf litter on the ground have definite effects on the herbaceous ground flora. For the most part, shading and a dense ground cover produce a sparse ground flora, and a sparse

grass flora in particular. The following conditions serve to show the various types found within the Ozarks:

(1) If the soil has been worn down as a result of *continued fires* to the *flinty* or *sandstone substratum*, and at the same time the *woods* are *more* or *less* open, the herbaceous cover is poor and the inferior oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*) is dominant among the grasses present.

(2) If the soil as a result of *scattered burns* has been worn down so that it is still *intact* but also *rocky* and at the same time the woods



FIG. 45. *Quercus alba*—*Quercus velutina*—*Quercus stellata* woodland on flat ridge top, four miles northwest of Bunker, Reynolds County, near ridge top shown in Fig. 44. Note the dense sprout undergrowth, but poor herbaceous ground flora.

are more or less open, the result is usually a rich and dense herbaceous vegetation with grasses and legumes dominating, and usually the better forage grasses, such as blue-stem (*Andropogon scoparius* and *A. provincialis*) and panic grasses, predominate, while oats grass is inconspicuous. This is a desirable condition.

(3) If the soil on a flat upland *ridge* or *plateau* is *built up* and covered by a *dense forest* of younger trees, the effect of shade and at the same time a dense leaf litter, is such as to produce a very sparse ground flora, the grasses being almost negligible (fig. 44).

(4) If a forest such as is found in the preceding type, with *built-up soil*, is *burned over* and a *dense stump sprout* growth springs up, the sprouts act as wind-breaks and allow dense coverings of leaves to accumulate in their vicinity. Wherever these dense leaf piles appear, the grasses are absent, especially oats grass. Some legumes, such as *Lespedeza procumbens*, may be present, but the flora as a whole is

sparse. Only in light and rocky openings, between leaf piles or where rock is exposed, or around the bases of trees, does the ground flora become denser.

(5) In areas *protected from burns* and at the same time with an *open woodland*, a variety of grasses return and in time approach their original dense growth.

(6) In areas protected from burns but with a *dense, crowded woodland*, the shade and leaf litter are too great for a rich ground flora, and consequently the herbaceous flora is very poor, especially in grasses (fig. 45). The ground cover may then be dominated by the shade-enduring low-bush huckleberry (fig. 35).

It appears that the densest growth of grasses of the better forage type is found in *open woods* protected from fire with a light, semi-rocky soil not extensively covered with leaf litter. If an area is repeatedly burned down, eventually to a rock substratum, oats grass becomes the most conspicuous grass.

A light, open, rocky soil also harbors a rich variety of legumes, many of which favor such a rocky, thin, open substratum. Thus, after continued burning with reduction of soil, such species increase in numbers because of an increase in their habitats. It is therefore incorrect to speak of such species as indicators of burning; rather they are species which appear in areas opened up by burning. The various herbs which are characteristic or commonest in areas opened by burns, or which tolerate burns, are the following:

Bracken fern (*Pteridium latiusculum*)

Bush clover (various species) (*Lespedeza procumbens*, *L. repens*, *L. hirta*, and *L. virginica*)

Catgut (*Tephrosia virginiana*)

Cinquefoil (*Potentilla simplex* var. *typica*)

Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)

Fleabane (*Erigeron ramosus*)

Flowering spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)

Forked chickweed (*Paronychia fastigiata*)

Greenbrier (*Smilax glauca* var. *leurophylla*)

Horsemint (*Monarda Bradburiana*)

Ironwood (*Vernonia Baldwini*)

Japanese clover (*Lespedeza striata*)

Pencil flower (*Stylosanthes biflora*)

Pennyroyal (*Hedeoma pulegioides*)

Pinweed (*Lechea tenuifolia*)

Pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)

Rose (*Rosa subserulata*)

Sensitive pea (*Cassia nictitans*)

Sweet everlasting (*Gnaphalium obtusifolium*)

Tick trefoil (various species) (*Desmodium rotundifolium*, *D. obtusum*, and *D. Dillenii*)

Wild indigo (*Baptisia leucantha* and *B. leucophaea*)



It will be seen that a great majority of these species belong to the pea and composite families. Catgut, dittany, greenbrier, *Lespedeza procumbens*, and *Desmodium rotundifolium* are especially common.

The grasses which are commonest in such burned areas are the following:

Oats grass

Species of *Panicum* (*P. dichotomum* and *P. lanuginosum* var. *fasciculatum*)

Hair grass (*Agrostis scabra*)

Sedge (*Carex hirsutella*)

In woods which have been burned over and opened up, winged sumac (*Rhus Copallina*) and sassafras are the commonest woody plants to enter and consequently are indicators of burning in that sense.

If, as these studies indicate, a great variety and density of leguminous species appear on light, thin soils of the rocky, open type—the type most directly produced by burning, especially summer burns—it might be advantageous on turkey ranges or other similar areas where leguminous foods are of high value, to burn, under controlled management, every five to ten years in order to revert the herbaceous ground cover to an earlier stage of succession where the leguminous flora will be at its maximum development. If this is not done, the natural succession of the ground flora, where fires are eliminated and where leaves consequently would accumulate and shade increase, would be towards a suppression of grasses and legumes, resulting in less abundance of turkey food.

*Logging.*—The effects of burning are thus found to be varying in degree and must be considered from different angles. The effects of logging on the natural succession of a forest are equally interesting. When tall trees are removed from a forest, the result is an open, sunny place where previously more or less shaded conditions existed. This creates a habitat within the forest equivalent to a prairie opening, and allows species which favor open and sun-lit conditions to enter, penetrate, or spread. Very often some species which come in on repeatedly cleared areas are the same as appear in burned-over areas, because similar habitats are created by burning and repeated clearing. In the case of a minor amount of cutting in a forest, done only rarely, the migration into that area of light-demanding species is not great. However, where repeated clearing continues, a number of species are commonly found which are more or less characteristic of open areas. The herbaceous species which may be called indicators



of repeated clearing, although they are merely species coming in on light, open soils, are the following:

Bitterweed (*Helenium tenuifolium*)  
 Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)  
 Bracken fern (*Pteridium latiusculum*)  
 Broom sedge (*Andropogon virginicus*)  
 Bush clover (*Lespedeza virginica*)  
 Buttonweed (*Diodia teres*)  
 Dewberry (*Rubus flagellaris*)  
 Everlasting (*Gnaphalium purpureum*)  
 Field sorrel (*Rumex Acetosella*)  
 Fleabane (*Erigeron ramosus*)  
 Flowering spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)  
 Forked chickweed (*Paronychia fastigiata*)  
 Greenbrier (*Smilax glauca* var. *leurophylla*)  
 Ironweed (*Vernonia Baldwini*)  
 Japanese clover (*Lespedeza striata*)  
 Mullein (*Verbascum Thapsus*)  
 Pennyroyal (*Hedeoma pulegioides* and *H. hispida*)  
 Pinweed (*Lechea tenuifolia*)  
 Pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)  
 Thistle (*Cirsium lanceolatum*)  
 Wild indigo (*Baptisia leucantha* and *B. leucophaea*)  
 Wild petunia (*Ruellia caroliniensis*)  
 Yarrow (*Achillea Millefolium*)  
 Yellow hop clover (*Trifolium procumbens*)

The commonest species which appear on such areas are bitterweed, yarrow, greenbrier, and flowering spurge. Oats grass is by far the commonest of the grasses. Among the commonest shrubs are smooth sumac (*Rhus glabra*) and winged sumac (*Rhus Copallina*). Sassafras, persimmon, post and black jack oak, and winged elm are the only trees which are commonly found in or come into repeatedly cleared areas. The first woody species to spread into an opening in a forest induced by repeated clearing or logging are the smooth and winged sumac and sassafras. The natural home for these species is open prairie, borders of woods, or openings in woods. Thus, when conditions are created within a forest by clearing which establish an open habitat, these shrubs and trees are first to pioneer in response to their light-demanding requirements.

*Repeated Clearing and Logging.*—The effects of repeated clearing and logging are not as harmful as repeated burning. Logging and clearing merely open up the soil cover and understory, but do not materially disturb the understory or reduce the soil cover to the bare substratum as does repeated burning. If grasses of the better forage type are already present in sufficient numbers when the clearing occurs, they are thereby benefited, because new open places and an increase of favorable habitats are created. Thus, under such con-

ditions, grasses will increase in density, as will also legumes and composites and other light-demanding herbs. If, however, the soil has been worn down badly as a result of repeated burns, and the area is simultaneously or subsequently cut over, the worthless oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*) becomes more plentiful. In many instances it was observed that grasses were most plentiful and in greatest density in areas which had been opened up by logging but protected from fires. Thus, for best grazing ranges, it might be advantageous to cut over in part and at different times an area already covered with good forage grasses, so as to create more openings and sun-lit areas to be occupied by an increasing number of grass species.

Repeated clearing and logging result in such a mixture and confusion in the natural forest succession that it is at times difficult to interpret the stage at which it has arrived in a given forest. Therefore certain species are thinned out, and instead of the succession carrying on toward the climax stage, the earlier species of the succession may become once more dominant, and the previous dominant species may become temporarily suppressed. Thus, a temporary standstill or reversion may occur. In time, however, the species originally dominant usually persist and, if left to grow again from saplings or sprouts, finally enter the climax stages of the association.

*Over-Grazing.*—Many portions of the Ozark region are overgrazed. These areas usually occur on the upland. Usually a greater number of animals is turned loose over an area than can be supported on that area. The average density of the herbaceous ground cover varies according to different influences. The density of an herbaceous cover under a dense, unburned post oak-black jack oak stand is always very poor; that under an unburned, open, oak-hickory or pine-oak association is usually better; that of a logged but unburned area is usually good; that under an annually burned-over, open woods is usually quite poor, as is also one under a very much cut-over and burned-over woods. Since the normal density is not great, and does not average very much in an ordinary open oak-hickory or pine-oak forest, it is easy to allow too many animals to graze in such an area. When, in addition, open range hogs are turned loose to grub roots and eat herbage and nuts of various kinds indiscriminately, their effect on making a low density even lower should be emphasized. There is too much grazing on a limited amount of land in the Ozarks already. When it is considered that excessive over-burning in cut-over or non-cut-over areas lowers the ordinary density of herbaceous growth within a forest, and when to this is added the burden of over-

grazing, it is evident that the already sore conditions may be further aggravated. The Ozarks, if properly protected from fire and too much grazing, may afford valuable pasturage, a high density yield being possible in an open oak-hickory or oak-pine association. If too frequent burning and over-grazing are permitted, the low density at present encountered may be expected to continue. And in many areas in the Ozarks grazing in the uplands and slopes is not now practicable on a large scale.

When an upland area that has been cleared or cut over is then grazed, the constant cropping of herbage by too many cattle during summer leads to deterioration of the herbaceous cover, which in time becomes thinned out, exposing numerous bare patches of ground. When this condition has been reached, various species, mostly weedy and colonizing types, take possession. These are indicators of over-grazing, and may be the same as those on a sterile or fallow field.

The herbs which indicate over-grazing, because they are the ones which remain in a grazed-over area after the more delicate species have been eaten or have perished, are:

Bitterweed (*Helenium tenuifolium*)  
 Blue vervain (*Verbena stricta*)  
 Bracted plantain (*Plantago aristata*)  
 Dwarf fleabane (*Erigeron divaricatus*)  
 English plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*)  
 Everlasting (*Gnaphalium purpureum*)  
 Field sorrel (*Rumex Acetosella*)  
 Hairy pennyroyal (*Hedeoma hispida*)  
 Hogwort (*Croton monanthogynus*)  
 Horse nettle (*Solanum carolinense*)  
 Japanese clover (*Lespedeza striata*)  
 Lesser ragweed (*Ambrosia bidentata*)  
 Mullein (*Verbascum Thapsus*)  
 Pinweed (*Lechea tenuifolia*)  
 Plantain (*Plantago elongata*)  
 Rough buttonwood (*Diodia teres*)  
 Rush (*Juncus macer*)  
 Sundrops (*Oenothera linifolia*)  
 Sweet everlasting (*Gnaphalium obtusifolium*)  
 Thistle (*Cirsium lanceolatum*)  
 White boneset (*Eupatorium serotinum*)  
 Yarrow (*Achillea Millefolium*)  
 Yellow hop clover (*Trifolium procumbens*)

The following grasses are characteristic indicators of over-grazing:

Crab grass (*Digitaria sanguinalis*)  
 Elliott's hair grass (*Agrostis Elliottiana*)  
 Fescue grass (*Festuca octoflora* and var. *tenella*)  
 Hair grass (*Agrostis scabra*)  
 Poverty grass (*Aristida dichotoma*)  
*Sporobolus vaginiflorus*  
 Triple awn grass (*Aristida oligantha*)

Winged sumac (*Rhus Copallina*), sassafras, and winged elm are woody species that indicate over-grazing. These species all enter areas which have been over-grazed.

Interestingly enough, most of these species occur also on open, rocky, sandstone or chert or granite glades. In other words, the same conditions of thin, bare, worn-down, or acid soils prevail on both barrens of acid rock and on over-grazed fields. An over-grazed soil usually becomes worn down to the extent that bare patches of soil exist with stunted herbage; this type of condition approaches a glade in its sterile, open, dry, wind-swept soil, and thus, species favoring such areas pioneer quickly on such types.

*Other Unnatural Conditions.*—During dry summers in the Ozarks, cattle were observed to have an injurious effect on the vegetation of natural sink-hole ponds. Within certain parts of the eastern Ozarks, particularly in Reynolds, Shannon, Oregon, Texas, and Howell counties, are many such ponds. During ordinary seasons they usually remain filled with water. Most of those that dried up during the summer might have retained water had it not been for the cattle, which were allowed to wade in and out at any time; every time they emerged they took away water. Ordinarily evaporation during a summer merely reduces the water level, but does not dry up the pond. However, cattle shuffling in and out of the ponds caused many of the ponds to dry up completely. As the ponds become dried, the plants existing on the tussocks of sedges or in the lower crotches of shrubs are killed, both by lack of water and by being eaten by the cattle. Many of these plants at ordinary times furnish excellent forage, but when over-grazed and eaten to the roots by cattle, they are badly injured or killed. Since in these ponds many rare species of plants exist which are found nowhere else in the state, some way should be devised to prevent cattle from ruining the plants that serve as food for turkey, quail, duck, and other upland game life of the region.

The natural succession here is a series of stages eventually leading to a filling up of the pond and the establishment of a mesophytic forest thereon, and since such destructive over-grazing and drying up of these ponds by mismanagement of cattle grazing on them hastens their extinction, it seems highly important that steps be taken to protect ponds. Such ponds are valuable water reservoirs for game in the national forests, and every effort should be taken to keep cattle from destructive "stamping" in and out of the water from the pond.



Each of the following localities visited by the writer illustrates some special stage of development of a plant association discussed in the present paper. Usually the most conspicuous members of the plant association are listed under dominant trees or shrubs, and dominant herbaceous plants, as well as sub-dominants wherever it has seemed pertinent. The species listed as dominant are the most numerous in a given area.

Herbarium specimens of all the examples of plant associational cross sections in the following pages are to be found in the Herbarium of the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Herbarium of Field Museum of Natural History.

## I. ACER SACCHARUM-CARYA CORDIFORMIS ASSOCIATION

### (1) *Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*-*Hamamelis vernalis* Associes

1. Gravel bar at Hall's Bluff, south of Davidson's Blue Spring along Black River, sec. 4, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., four miles southeast of Mill Spring, Wayne County.

#### Dominant Trees

Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*) Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

2. Porphyritic stream bed in "shut-in" along Telleck Branch, sec. 23, T. 35 N., R. 1 E., three and one-half miles northwest of Shepherd, Iron County.

#### Dominant Tree

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

#### Dominant Shrubs

Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*) Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*)  
Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)

#### Associate

Sand grape (*Vitis rupestris*)

3. Gravel bar along Big Piney River between Dial's Camp, east of Big Piney and Ormsby's Place at Spring Creek crossing, T. 34-35 N., R. 10-11 W., Pulaski County.

#### Dominant Woody Plant

Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*)

#### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Water willow (*Dianthera americana*) Chairmaker's rush (*Scirpus americana*)

4. Rocky stream bed along Noblett Creek, sec. 19, T. 26 N., R. 10 W., eight miles west of Burnham, Howell County.

**Dominant Shrubs**

Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*)      Swamp dogwood (*Cornus obliqua*)  
 Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)      Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*)

5. Gravelly part of Piney Creek, sec. 19, T. 23 N., R. 24 W., five miles southwest of Cape Fair, Stone County.

**Dominant Shrubs**

Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*)      Possum haw (*Ilex decidua*)

**Other Shrub Associates**

Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)      Swamp dogwood (*Cornus obliqua*)  
 Rough-leaved dogwood (*Cornus asperifolia*)      Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius* var. *intermedius*)

6. Gravel bar along Pomme de Terre River, three miles northeast of Elkland, Hickory County.

**Dominant Shrub**

Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

Water willow (*Dianthera americana*)

7. Gravel bar along Osage River, sec. 2, T. 40 N., R. 13 W., west of Capps, Miller County.

Foxtail grass (*Setaria lutescens*)      Lady's thumb (*Polygonum pennsylvanicum*)  
 Panic grass (*Panicum virgatum*)  
 Witch grass (*Panicum capillare*)      Spurge (*Euphorbia supina*)  
 Spurge (*Euphorbia serpens*)

8. Dry gravel bar along headwaters of Meramec River, sec. 14, T. 33 N., R. 4 W., two miles southeast of Max, Dent County.

**Dominant Shrubs**

Swamp dogwood (*Cornus obliqua*)      Shrubby St. John's-wort (*Hypericum prolificum*)  
 Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius* var. *intermedius*)      Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)  
 Sand grape (*Vitis rupestris*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Flowering spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)      Bush clover (*Lespedeza virginica*)  
 Tick trefoil (*Desmodium sessilifolium*)      Bush clover (*Lespedeza capitata*)  
 Star tickseed (*Coreopsis pubescens*)

**Dominant Grass**

Panic grass (*Panicum virgatum*)

9. Gravel bar along Salt River, at Asher Ford, south of Spalding, Ralls County.

**Dominant Woody Plants**

Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var. *Wardii*)      Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**Water willow (*Dianthera americana*)**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates**

Small white morning glory ( <i>Ipomoea lacunosa</i> )	Wild bean ( <i>Strophostyles helvola</i> )
Lady's thumb ( <i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i> )	Water hemp ( <i>Acnida tamariscina</i> )
Lady's thumb ( <i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i> )	Mule tail ( <i>Erigeron canadensis</i> )
Smartweed ( <i>Polygonum punctatum</i> )	Carpet weed ( <i>Mollugo verticillata</i> )
Smartweed ( <i>Polygonum Hydropiper</i> var. <i>projectum</i> )	Nodding spurge ( <i>Euphorbia maculata</i> )
	Sida ( <i>Sida spinosa</i> )
	Small ragweed ( <i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> var. <i>elatior</i> )

**Dominant Grasses**

Panic grass ( <i>Panicum virgatum</i> )	Big blue-stem ( <i>Andropogon provincialis</i> )
Slough grass ( <i>Spartina pectinata</i> )	

**Other Grass Associates**

Panic grass ( <i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i> )	Crab grass ( <i>Digilaria sanguinalis</i> )
Love grass ( <i>Eragrostis cilianensis</i> )	

10. Gravel bed of Little Fourche à Renault Creek, sec. 2, T. 37 N., R. 1 E., two miles southeast of Floyd, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )
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**Dominant Understory**

Swamp dogwood ( <i>Cornus obliqua</i> )	Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )
Ward's willow ( <i>Salix longipes</i> var. <i>Wardii</i> )	Shrubby St. John's-wort ( <i>Hypericum prolificum</i> )
Sand grape ( <i>Vitis rupestris</i> )	Rough-leaved dogwood ( <i>Cornus asperifolia</i> )
Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> var. <i>intermedius</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )

**(2) Acer saccharinum-Populus deltoides Associates**

11. Alluvial banks along Black River between Mill Spring and Williamsville, sec. 30, T. 27 N., R. 5 E., Wayne County.

**Dominant Trees**

Cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
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**Dominant Understory**

Ward's willow ( <i>Salix longipes</i> var. <i>Wardii</i> )	Black willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )
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12. Gravel bar at base of limestone slopes along Brushy Creek, sec. 8, T. 27 N., R. 3 E., six miles north of Ellsinore, Carter County.

**Dominant Trees**

River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
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**Dominant Shrubs**

Ozark witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis vernalis</i> )	Button-bush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )
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13. Sandy mud along Big Piney River, between Dial's Camp, east of Big Piney and Ormsby's Place at Spring Creek crossing, T. 34-35 N., R. 10-11 W., Pulaski County.

### Dominant Woody Plants

Sandbar willow (*Salix interior*)

Black willow (*Salix nigra*)

### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Blue mist flower (*Eupatorium coelestinum*)

Cocklebur (*Xanthium pensylvanicum*)

Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)

Lady's thumb (*Polygonum pensylvanicum*)

Beggar-ticks (*Bidens polylepis*)

### Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates

Broad-leaved arrow-head (*Sagittaria latifolia*)

Smartweed (*Polygonum punctatum*)

Hibiscus (*Hibiscus lasiocarpus*)

### Dominant Grasses

Barngrass (*Echinochloa pungens*)

Rice cut grass (*Leersia oryzoides*)

### Other Grass Associates

Panic grass (*Panicum dichotomiflorum*)

Panic grass (*Panicum Gattingeri*)

Witch grass (*Panicum capillare*)

14. Alluvial woods along lower part of spring branch of Onandago Spring, Crawford County.

### Dominant Trees

Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

**Black willow (*Salix nigra*)**

### Other Tree Associates

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

Box elder (*Acer Negundo*)

River birch (*Betula nigra*)

Honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)

Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

American elm (*Ulmus americana*)

## Dominant Understory

Elder (*Sambucus canadensis*)

### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Wild goldenglow (*Rudbeckia laciniata*)

Aster (*Aster lateriflorus* var. *pendulus*)

15. Alluvial bottoms at Hall's Bluff, south of Davidson's Blue Spring, along Black River, sec. 4, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., four miles south-east of Mill Spring, Wayne County.

### Dominant Trees

Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var.

River birch (*Betula nigra*)

*lanceolata*)

Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)

## Dominant Understory

Button-bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

16. Alluvial woods along lower part of spring branch of Schlicht Spring, sec. 30, T. 36 N., R. 12 W., two miles southeast of Swedeborg, Pulaski County.



**Dominant Trees**

Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	Silver maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )
Black willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )

17. Alluvial banks along Big Piney River, between Dial's Camp, east of Big Piney and Ormsby's Place at Spring Creek crossing, T. 34-35 N., R. 10-11 W., Pulaski County.

**Dominant Trees**

Green ash ( <i>Fraxinus pensylvanica</i> var. <i>lanceolata</i> )	Silver maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )
	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )

**Other Tree Associates**

Cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> )	Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )
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18. Alluvial mud along Big Piney River, between Dial's Camp, east of Big Piney and Ormsby's Place at Spring Creek crossing, T. 34-35 N., R. 10-11 W., Pulaski County.

**Dominant Trees**

Black willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
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**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Three-seeded mercury ( <i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i> )	Clearweed ( <i>Pilea pumila</i> var. <i>Deamii</i> )
Blue mist flower ( <i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i> )	Spotted jewel-weed ( <i>Impatiens biflora</i> )
Horseweed ( <i>Ambrosia trifida</i> )	White vervain ( <i>Verbena urticaefolia</i> )
	Beefsteak plant ( <i>Perilla frutescens</i> )

19. Mud flat along Osage River, sec. 2, T. 40 N., R. 13 W., west of Capps, Miller County.

Lady's thumb ( <i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i> )	Cocklebur ( <i>Xanthium chinense</i> )
Small white morning glory ( <i>Ipomoea lacunosa</i> )	Button-weed ( <i>Spermacoce glabra</i> )
	Panic grass ( <i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i> )
	Spurge ( <i>Euphorbia maculata</i> )

(3) *Ulmus americana*-*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata*  
Associates

20. Alluvial woods along Gasconade River, south of Hazel Green, Pulaski County.

**Dominant Trees**

Black willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )	Green ash ( <i>Fraxinus pensylvanica</i> var. <i>lanceolata</i> )
Silver maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )	
Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )
River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )	Box elder ( <i>Acer Negundo</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quin-* Winter grape (*Vitis cinerea*)  
*quefolia*) Frost grape (*Vitis cordifolia*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia tomen-* Hispid greenbrier (*Smilax hispida*)  
*tosa*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Blue mist flower (*Eupatorium coeles-* Goldenrod (*Solidago serotina*)  
*tinum*) Sweet William (*Phlox paniculata*)

21. Alluvial woods along Sniabar Creek, four and one-half miles south of Napoleon, Lafayette County.

**Dominant Trees**

Black willow (*Salix nigra*) Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)  
 Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)  
*lanceolata*) Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Box elder (*Acer Negundo*) Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)  
 American elm (*Ulmus americana*) Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)

22. Alluvial woods along Pomme de Terre River, three miles northeast of Elkland, Hickory County.

**Dominant Trees**

Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)  
*lanceolata*)

23. Low, alluvial woods along Noblett Creek, sec. 19, T. 26 N., R. 10 W., eight miles west of Burnham, Howell County.

**Dominant Trees**

Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)  
*lanceolata*) American elm (*Ulmus americana*)

**Dominant Understory**

Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*)

24. Alluvial ground along King's River, south of Prentiss Ford, sec. 24, T. 21 N., R. 25 W., five miles south of Viola, in Barry County.

**Dominant Trees**

Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. American elm (*Ulmus americana*)  
*lanceolata*) Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var.  
 Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) *glaucum*)  
 River birch (*Betula nigra*)

25. Low, alluvial woods along Gasconade River, east of Mossy Spring, sec. 2, T. 36 N., R. 11 W., seven miles northeast of Waynesville, Pulaski County.

**Dominant Trees**

Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata*)      American elm (*Ulmus americana*)  
Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

**Dominant Understory**

Buck brush (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)      Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*)      Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
(Young) Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)      Hispid greenbrier (*Smilax hispida*)  
(Young) Box elder (*Acer Negundo*)      Frost grape (*Vitis cordifolia*)  
Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Virginia knotweed (*Polygonum virginianum*)      Clear weed (*Pilea pumila* var. *Deamii*)  
Common blue violet (*Viola papilionacea*)      Wild goldenglow (*Rudbeckia laciniata*)  
Goldenrod (*Solidago serotina*)      Ironweed (*Vernonia altissima*)  
Blue phlox (*Phlox divaricata* var. *Laphamii*)      Aster (*Aster lateriflorus* var. *pendulus*)  
Ruellia (*Ruellia strepens*)      Juba bush (*Iresine rhizomatosa*)  
Three-seeded mercury (*Acalypha rhomboidea*)

**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Blue mist flower (*Eupatorium coelestinum*)      Horsetweed (*Ambrosia trifida*)  
Beefsteak plant (*Perilla frutescens*)      Water pepper (*Polygonum punctatum*)  
Spotted touch-me-not (*Impatiens biflora*)      False nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrica*)  
Black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*)

**Dominant Grasses**

White grass (*Leersia virginica*)      Thin grass (*Agrostis perennans* var. *aestivalis*)  
Wild rye grass (*Elymus virginicus*)  
Wood reed grass (*Cinna arundinacea*)

26. Alluvial woods along Current River, sec. 34, T. 25 N., R. 1 E., six miles northeast of Bennett, Ripley County.

**Dominant Trees**

Shumard's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii*)      Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)  
American elm (*Ulmus americana*)      Black willow (*Salix nigra*)  
White ash (*Fraxinus americana*)      Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)  
Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)

27. Alluvial banks along Black River between Mill Spring and Williamsville, sec. 15, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., Wayne County.

**Dominant Trees**

Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)      American elm (*Ulmus americana*)  
River birch (*Betula nigra*)      Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)  
Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata*)      Shumard's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii*)

**Dominant Understory**

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| Winter grape ( <i>Vitis cinerea</i> )       | Dutchman's pipe ( <i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i> ) |
| Raccoon grape ( <i>Ampelopsis cordata</i> ) |   |

**Dominant Grasses**

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| Spike grass ( <i>Uniola latifolia</i> ) | Switch cane ( <i>Arundinaria gigantea</i> ) |
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28. Alluvial woods along Salt River at Asher Ford, south of Spalding, Ralls County.

**Dominant Trees**

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| Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> var. <i>canina</i> ) | American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> ) |
|   | Bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )   |

**Other Tree Associates**

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| Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> ) | Honey locust ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> ) |
| Red haw ( <i>Crataegus mollis</i> ) | Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )     |

**Dominant Understory**

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| Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> ) | Bristly greenbrier ( <i>Smilax hispida</i> ) |
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**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

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| Aster ( <i>Aster lateriflorus</i> var. <i>pendulus</i> ) | Three-seeded mercury ( <i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i> )  |
| Climbing buckwheat ( <i>Polygonum scandens</i> )         | Goldenrod ( <i>Solidago serotina</i> )               |
| One-seeded bur cucumber ( <i>Sicyos angulatus</i> )      | Clearweed ( <i>Pilea pumila</i> var. <i>Deamii</i> ) |
| Pale-flowered touch-me-not ( <i>Impatiens pallida</i> )  | Horseweed ( <i>Ambrosia trifida</i> )                |
|  | Actinomeris ( <i>Actinomeris alternifolia</i> )      |
|  | Slender nettle ( <i>Urtica procera</i> )             |

**Dominant Grasses**

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| Wild rye ( <i>Elymus canadensis</i> ) | White grass ( <i>Leersia virginica</i> ) |
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29. Alluvial woods along Hazel Creek, sec. 14, T. 36 N., R. 1 W., one mile southwest of Palmer, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

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| Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )                         | Black cherry ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> )        |
| American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )                           | White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )        |
| Honey locust ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i> ) | Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> ) |
| Bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )                             | Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )      |

**Dominant Understory**

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| Smooth alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )                       | Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )              |
| Ward's willow ( <i>Salix longipes</i> var. <i>Wardii</i> ) | Button-bush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> ) |
|  | Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )         |

30. Alluvial woods along spring branch of Montauk Spring in Montauk State Park, near Montauk, Dent County.

**Dominant Trees**

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| River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )       | American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> ) |
| Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )     | Black willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )     |
| Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> ) |   |



**Dominant Understory**

Chittim-wood (*Bumelia lanuginosa*)      Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)  
 Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)

31. Alluvial, lime-bouldered banks along White River between Forsyth and Moore's Ferry, Taney County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Green ash (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* var. *lanceolata*)  
 American elm (*Ulmus americana*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)      Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)  
 River birch (*Betula nigra*)      Shumard's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii*)  
 Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)

**Dominant Understory**

Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)      Swamp privet (*Forestiera acuminata*)

32. Alluvial woods at Hall's Bluff, south of Davidson's Blue Spring along Black River, sec. 4, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., four miles south-east of Mill Spring, Wayne County.

**Dominant Trees**

Box elder (*Acer Negundo*)      Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)  
 American elm (*Ulmus americana*)      Sweet gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

**(4) *Acer saccharum*–*Carya cordiformis* Associes**

33. Alluvial woods along Eleven Points River, sec. 18, T. 24 N., R. 2 W., three and one-half miles south of Wilderness, Oregon County.

**Dominant Trees**

American elm (*Ulmus americana*)      Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Shumard's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii*)      Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)  
 Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)      Linden (*Tilia glabra*)  
 Black willow (*Salix nigra*)      Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)  
 River birch (*Betula nigra*)      Pignut hickory (*Carya ovalis* var. *obovatis*)  
 Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)  
 Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

**Dominant Understory**

Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Button-bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)      Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)  
 Hop tree (*Ptelea trifoliata*)      Chittim-wood (*Bumelia lanuginosa*)

34. Alluvial woods at base of west-facing limestone slopes along Otter Creek, sec. 18, T. 27 N., R. 6 E., near Taskee, Wayne County.

#### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	Box elder ( <i>Acer Negundo</i> )
	River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Button-bush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )	Red-flowered buckeye ( <i>Aesculus discolor</i> var. <i>mollis</i> )
Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )
Alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )	Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )
Mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	

This is not an alluvial flora as developed on large streams or flood plains, but is partly alluvial and partly some of the flora of the adjacent lower slopes.

35. Alluvial woods along Huzzah Creek, two miles southeast of Davisville, Crawford County.

#### Dominant Tree

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)

#### Other Tree Associates

American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )
Green ash ( <i>Fraxinus pensylvanica</i> var. <i>lanceolata</i> )	Blue ash ( <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> )
Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	Honey locust ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> )
Bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )	Big shell-bark hickory ( <i>Carya laciniata</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
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#### Other Understory Associates

Ohio buckeye ( <i>Aesculus glabra</i> f. <i>pallida</i> )	Raccoon grape ( <i>Ampelopsis cordata</i> )
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#### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Beggar's lice ( <i>Lappula virginiana</i> )	Three-seeded mercury ( <i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i> )
Beefsteak plant ( <i>Perilla frutescens</i> )	

36. Rich woods built up on alluvial formation at the base of Hall's Bluff, south of Davidson's Blue Spring along Black River, sec. 4, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., four miles southeast of Mill Spring, Wayne County.

#### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
Kentucky coffee tree ( <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
Walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )
	Hackberry ( <i>Celtis laevigata</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
American hornbeam ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
American bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )
	Greenbrier ( <i>Smilax hispida</i> )

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Honewort ( <i>Cryptotaenia canadensis</i> )	Virginia tickseed ( <i>Lappula virginiana</i> )
Blue phlox ( <i>Phlox divaricata</i> var. <i>Laphamii</i> )	Bloodroot ( <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i> )
Virginia knotweed ( <i>Polygonum virginianum</i> )	Maidenhair fern ( <i>Adiantum pedatum</i> )
	Jack-in-the-pulpit ( <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i> )

**Dominant Grass**

Fescue grass (*Festuca obtusa*)

37. Rich, alluvial bottom woods along Cane Creek, sec. 17, T. 26 N., R. 4 E., six miles southwest of Williamsville, Wayne County.

**Dominant Trees**

Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sweet gum ( <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )
Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )	Honey locust ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> )
American ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	Silver maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )
Walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )	Cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> )
Mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

American hornbeam ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )
Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	Alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )
Red-flowering buckeye ( <i>Aesculus discolor</i> var. <i>mollis</i> )	Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> )

**Dominant Grasses**

Spike grass ( <i>Uniola latifolia</i> )	Fowl meadow grass ( <i>Glyceria striata</i> )
Wood reed grass ( <i>Cinna arundinacea</i> )	

38. Along Ten Mile Creek, loaded with chert from adjacent slopes, sec. 9, T. 25 N., R. 4 E., 13 miles northwest of Poplar Bluff, Butler County.

**Dominant Trees**

Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Silver maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )
Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )	Sweet gum ( <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> )
Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Ozark witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis vernalis</i> )	Smooth alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )
Ward's willow ( <i>Salix longipes</i> var. <i>Wardii</i> )	Button-bush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )

**Other Understory Associates**

Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )	Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> )	Red-flowered buckeye ( <i>Aesculus discolor</i> var. <i>mollis</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )
Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	Shadbush, serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )
Dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> var. <i>intermedius</i> )
Dwarf sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )	Hop tree ( <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> )
Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )	
Deerberry ( <i>Vaccinium stamineum</i> var. <i>neglectum</i> )	

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Rough button-weed ( <i>Diodia teres</i> var. <i>setigera</i> )	Water willow ( <i>Dianthera americana</i> )
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39. Rich, low woods along Big Barren Creek, near "Blue Spring," sec. 4, T. 25 N., R. 1 W., two and one-half miles southwest of Eastwood, 10 miles northwest of Bennett, Carter County.

**Dominant Trees**

Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )
Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )
Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	

40. Alluvial woods along Eleven Points River opposite west-facing slopes, sec. 11, T. 24 N., R. 3 W., one mile southeast of Turner's Mill, four miles southwest of Wilderness, Oregon County.

**Dominant Trees**

American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
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**Other Tree Associates**

Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )	Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )
Bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
Black willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )	Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )
River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Pignut hickory ( <i>Carya ovalis</i> var. <i>obovalis</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
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**Other Understory Associates**

Button-bush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )	Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )
Hop tree ( <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> )	Dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )	

41. Low, alluvial woods around Iron Mountain Lake, five miles south of Bismarck, St. Francois County.

**Dominant Trees**

Black willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
Swamp white oak ( <i>Quercus bicolor</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )
Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )
Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )
American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	

**Dominant Shrubs**

Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	Smooth alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )
Bristly greenbrier ( <i>Smilax hispida</i> )	

42. Wooded valley floor along Brazil Creek, sec. 28, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., six miles northeast of Berryman, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
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43. Alluvial woods along Bee Fork of Black River, sec. 23, T. 32 N., R. 1 W., four miles northwest of Centerville, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )
Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
Leatherwood ( <i>Dirca palustris</i> )	Frost grape ( <i>Vitis cordifolia</i> )
Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> )	

44. Alluvial woods along Brushy Creek, sec. 24, T. 32 N., R. 1 W., one mile north of Moses Store, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )
Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)  
 Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)  
 Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*)

Buck brush (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)

45. Alluvial woods along Big Piney River, nine miles west of Licking, Texas County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> var. <i>canina</i> )
Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )
River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )
American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )
White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )
Black gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Ohio buckeye (*Aesculus glabra* f. *pallida*)

46. Alluvial woods along Big Creek, sec. 22, T. 31 N., R. 3 W., one and one-half miles west of Rat, Shannon County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )
	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )

**Other Tree Associates**

Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
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**Dominant Understory**

Leatherwood ( <i>Dirca palustris</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	

**Other Understory Associates**

Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
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**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

Beefsteak plant (*Perilla frutescens*)

**II. ACER SACCHARUM-QUERCUS ALBA ASSOCIATION****(2) Juniperus virginiana-Rhus trilobata var. serotina Associates**

47. Upland limestone glade of bald knob in Hercules Game Refuge, sec. 10-11, T. 24 N., R. 18 W., two miles southwest of Hercules, Taney County.

**Dominant Tree**

Smoke-tree (*Cotinus americanus*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)      Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)

**Dominant Understory**

Fragrant sumac (*Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina*)      Greenbrier (*Smilax Bona-nox*)

**Understory Associate**

Buck brush (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Prairie clover (*Petalostemum purpureum*)      *Heliotropium tenellum*  
 Stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*)      Sandwort (*Arenaria patula*)  
 Hogwort (*Croton capitatus*)      *Palafioria callosa*  
*Linum sulcatum*

**Dominant Grasses**

Side-oats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)      Big blue-stem (*Andropogon prostratus*)

48. Limestone bald knobs around Swan U. S. Lookout Tower, sec. 20, T. 25 N., R. 18 W., four miles east of Garrison, Christian County.

**Dominant Trees**

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)      Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)  
 Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)

**Dominant Understory**

Supple-jack (*Berchemia scandens*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Calamint (*Satureja glabella* var. *angustifolia*)

**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates**

Blue false indigo (*Baptisia minor*)      Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia missouriensis*)  
 Feverfew (*Parthenium hispidum*)

**Dominant Grass**

Side-oats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)

49. Limestone slopes in small ravine between upper exposed parts of bald knobs in Hercules Game Refuge, sec. 10-11, T. 24 N., R. 18 W., two miles southwest of Hercules, Taney County.

**Dominant Trees**

Schneck's red oak (*Quercus shumardii* var. *Schneckii*)      Smoke tree (*Cotinus americanus*)  
 Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)      Fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginica*)

**Dominant Understory**

Fragrant sumac, pole-cat bush (*Rhus trilobata* var. *serotina*)

(4) *Ulmus alata*-*Rhamnus caroliniana* Associes

50. Low woods along branch in Stilwell Hollow, Low Gap Game Refuge, southeast of Black U. S. Lookout, sec. 12, T. 32 N., R. 1 E., four miles southwest of Black, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )
Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

Beefsteak plant (*Perilla frutescens*)

(5) *Quercus Muhlenbergii*-*Fraxinus americana* Associes

51. Limestone glades and ledges on bluffs along East Fork of Bull Creek, sec. 26, T. 26 N., R. 20 W., three miles southwest of Chadwick, Christian County.

**Dominant Trees**

Schneck's red oak ( <i>Quercus Schumardii</i> var. <i>Schneckii</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
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**Dominant Shrubs**

Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	

**Other Shrub Associates**

Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )
Indian cherry ( <i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i> )	Rough-leaved dogwood ( <i>Cornus asperifolia</i> )
Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus trilobata</i> var. <i>serotina</i> )	

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Black-eyed Susan ( <i>Rudbeckia missouriensis</i> )	<i>Houstonia nigricans</i>
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**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates**

Wine-cups ( <i>Callirhoe digitata</i> )	Gum-plant ( <i>Grindelia lanceolata</i> )
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**Dominant Grasses**

Blue-stem ( <i>Andropogon scoparius</i> var. <i>genuinus</i> )	Side-oats grama ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )
	Big blue-stem ( <i>Andropogon provincialis</i> )

52. Limestone bluffs along Hazel Creek, sec. 14, T. 36 N., R. 1 W., one mile southwest of Palmer, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

Slippery elm ( <i>Ulmus fulva</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	



**Dominant Understory**

Rough-leaved dogwood ( <i>Cornus asperifolia</i> )	Swamp dogwood ( <i>Cornus obliqua</i> )
	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )

53. Northwest-facing slopes along Marble Creek, sec. 20, T. 32 N., R. 5 E., two miles southwest of French Mills, Madison County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
Kentucky coffee tree ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> )	Blue ash ( <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> )
	Slippery elm ( <i>Ulmus fulva</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Indian cherry ( <i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> var. <i>intermedius</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
	Red cedar ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> )

54. Lower, west-facing, limestone slopes along Eleven Points River, sec. 11, T. 24 N., R. 3 W., one mile southeast of Turner's Mill, four miles southwest of Wilderness, Oregon County.

**Dominant Trees**

Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> )
White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Blue ash ( <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )
Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )	Box elder ( <i>Acer Negundo</i> )
Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	American bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )
Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Rough-leaved dogwood ( <i>Cornus asperifolia</i> )
Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	
Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )	

55. West-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along Castor River, at Hahn's Mill, sec. 16, T. 33 N., R. 8 E., four miles northeast of Cornwall, Madison County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)**Other Understory Associates**Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)

56. North-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along Brazil Creek, sec. 28, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., six miles northeast of Berryman, Washington County.

**UPPER PORTION OF SLOPES****Dominant Trees**Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)Schneck's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii* var. *Schneckii*)Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)**LOWER PORTION OF SLOPES****Dominant Trees**Linden (*Tilia glabra*)Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)American elm (*Ulmus americana*)**Dominant Understory**Chittim-wood (*Bumelia lanuginosa*)Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)Indian cherry (*Rhamnus caroliniana* var. *mollis*)Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)Hackberry (*Celtis pumila* var. *georgiana*)

57. One-half to two-thirds the way up south-facing limestone slopes along Bee Fork of Black River, sec. 29, T. 32 N., R. 1 W., seven miles west of Centerville, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Tree**Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)**Tree Associate**Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)**Dominant Understory**Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)**Other Understory Associates**Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)Chittim-wood (*Bumelia lanuginosa*)Greenbrier (*Smilax Bona-nox*)

58. Two-thirds to three-fourths the way up south-facing limestone slopes along Bee Fork of Black River, sec. 29, T. 32 N., R. 1 W., seven miles west of Centerville, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

Schneck's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii* var. *Schneckii*)      White oak (*Quercus alba*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)      Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)  
Shingle oak (*Quercus imbricaria*)      Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

**Dominant Understory**

Dwarf hackberry (*Celtis pumila* var. *georgiana*)      Wild plum (*Prunus americana*)

59. Base of limestone slopes along Eleven Points River, sec. 11, T. 24 N., R. 3 W., one mile southeast of Turner's Mill, four miles southwest of Wilderness, Oregon County.

**Dominant Trees**

Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)      American elm (*Ulmus americana*)  
Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)      White ash (*Fraxinus americana*)  
Linden (*Tilia glabra*)      Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*)

**Tree Associate**

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

**Dominant Understory**

American bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)      Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)  
Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)      Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)  
Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)      Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)

60. West-facing limestone slopes along Current River, sec. 34, T. 25 N., R. 1 E., five miles northeast of Bennett, Ripley County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)      Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)  
Sweet gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)      White ash (*Fraxinus americana*)  
Linden (*Tilia glabra*)      Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)

**Dominant Understory**

Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)      Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius* var. *intermedius*)  
Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)      Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)  
Possum haw (*Ilex decidua*)      Indian cherry (*Rhamnus caroliniana*)  
Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)      Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)  
Rough-leaved dogwood (*Cornus asperifolia*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia tomentosa*)      Rattle weed (*Astragalus canadensis*)

**Dominant Grass**

Switch cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*)

61. Wooded limestone bluffs along Beaver Creek, sec. 21 and 22, T. 24 N., R. 18 W., three miles southwest of Bradleyville, Taney County.

### Dominant Trees

Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)    Smoke tree (*Cotinus americanus*)

### Other Tree Associates

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )
Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> var. <i>cannabin</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )

## Dominant Understory

Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)

## Understory Associate

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

62. Limestone glade on bluffs along Eleven Points River, sec. 11, T. 24 N., R. 3 W., one mile southeast of Turner's Mill, four miles southwest of Wilderness, Oregon County.

### Dominant Trees

Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)      Hackberry (*Celtis laevigata* var. *texana*)

## Dominant Understory

Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )	Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )
Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	Shadbush ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )
Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	Greenbrier ( <i>Smilax Bona-nox</i> )

63. West-facing limestone slopes along Middle Fork of Black River, sec. 20, T. 34 N., R. 1 E., one mile north of Redmondville, Iron County.

### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)  
Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)

### Other Tree Associates

Schneck's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii*  
var. *Schneckii*)      Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
White ash (*Fraxinus americana*)

## Dominant Understory

Chittim-wood (*Bumelia lanuginosa*)      Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)  
Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)

### Dominant Grasses

Wild chess (*Bromus purgans*)      Spheopholis (*Spheopholis intermedia*)

### (6) *Acer saccharum*-*Quercus alba* Associates

64. At base of south-facing limestone slopes along Bee Fork of Black River, sec. 29, T. 32 N., R. 1 W., seven miles west of Centerville, Reynolds County.



**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Slippery elm ( <i>Ulmus fulva</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
	Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )

**Tree Associate**

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

**Dominant Understory**

Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )
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**Other Understory Associates**

Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )	Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )
Greenbrier ( <i>Smilax Bona-nox</i> )	Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )
Frost grape ( <i>Vitis cordifolia</i> )	

65. Northeast-facing, limestone, wooded slopes along Black River, north of Markham Spring, sec. 23, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., three miles west of Williamsville, Wayne County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Sweet gum ( <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Frost grape ( <i>Vitis cordifolia</i> )
Rough-leaved dogwood ( <i>Cornus asperifolia</i> )	Button-bush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )
Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
American bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	Burning bush ( <i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i> )
Hydrangea ( <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Poison ivy ( <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> )
Bristly greenbrier ( <i>Smilax hispida</i> )	Smooth alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

Liverleaf (*Hepatica acutiloba*)

**Dominant Grasses**

Fescue grass ( <i>Festuca obtusa</i> )	Switch cane ( <i>Arundinaria gigantea</i> )
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66. Along south-facing limestone bluffs of King's River, one mile southwest of Prentiss Ford, sec. 19-24, T. 21 N., R. 25 W., five miles south of Viola, Barry County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
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**Other Tree Associates**

Yellow-wood ( <i>Cladrastis lutea</i> )	Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )

**Dominant Understory**Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)**Other Understory Associates**Indian cherry (*Rhamnus caroliniana*  
var. *mollis*)Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)Buck brush (*Symphoricarpos orbicu-*  
*latus*)Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**White snakeroot (*Eupatorium urticae-*  
*folium*)Thimble weed (*Anemone virginiana*)Beggar's ticks (*Desmodium acuminatum*)Black snakeroot (*Sanicula canadensis*)**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**Frost grape (*Vitis cordifolia*)Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum canalicu-*  
*latum*)Yellow violet (*Viola eriocarpa*)Virgin's bower (*Clematis virginiana* var.  
*missouriensis*)Lopseed (*Phryma Leptostachya*)Leather flower (*Clematis versicolor*)American bellflower (*Campanula ameri-*  
*cana*)Wild licorice (*Galium circaezans* var.  
*hypomalacum*)Skull-cap (*Scutellaria ovata*)Skull-cap (*Scutellaria ovalifolia*)Virginia knotweed (*Polygonum vir-*  
*ginianum*)Bear grass (*Yucca arkansana*)**Dominant Grasses**Spike grass (*Uniola latifolia*)Wild chess (*Bromus purgans*)

67. East-facing limestone bluffs along Huzzah Creek, two miles southeast of Davisville, Crawford County.

**Dominant Trees**Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var.  
*maxima*)Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)**Other Tree Associates**Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var.  
*glaucum*)American elm (*Ulmus americana*)Linden (*Tilia glabra*)Blue ash (*Fraxinus quadrangulata*)White ash (*Fraxinus americana*)Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*)Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caro-*  
*liniana*)Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)**Dominant Understory**Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)**Other Understory Associates**Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)Burning bush (*Euonymus atropur-*  
*pureus*)Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)Rough-leaved dogwood (*Cornus asperi-*  
*folia*)Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**Bristly greenbrier (*Smilax hispida*)Wild yam (*Dioscorea quaternata*)Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)Leafcup (*Polymnia canadensis*)

68. Wooded talus at base of east-facing limestone bluff, "Log-slide Bluff," along White River, sec. 22-27, T. 22 N., R. 23 W., two miles west of Marmaros, Stone County.

#### Dominant Trees

Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )

#### Other Tree Associates

Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> var. <i>canina</i> )	Yellow-wood ( <i>Cladrastis lutea</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	

#### Understory Associate

Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)

#### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant

Leafcup (*Polymnia canadensis*)

#### Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates

Pale touch-me-not ( <i>Impatiens pallida</i> )	Enchanter's nightshade ( <i>Circaea latifolia</i> )
Waterleaf ( <i>Hydrophyllum appendiculatum</i> )	Wild ginger ( <i>Asarum canadense</i> var. <i>acuminatum</i> )
Yellow violet ( <i>Viola eriocarpa</i> var. <i>leiocarpa</i> )	Celandine poppy ( <i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i> )
May-apple ( <i>Podophyllum peltatum</i> )	
Moonseed ( <i>Menispermum canadense</i> )	

69. Rich, wooded, north-facing, limestone slopes along spring branch tributary to Swan Creek, sec. 34, T. 26 N., R. 19 W., four miles southeast of Chadwick, Christian County.

#### Dominant Trees

Black maple ( <i>Acer nigrum</i> )	Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	

#### Other Tree Associates

Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )
Blue ash ( <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )
Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	

#### Understory Associate

Arrow-wood (*Viburnum molle*)

#### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Waterleaf ( <i>Hydrophyllum appendiculatum</i> )	Liverleaf ( <i>Hepatica americana</i> )
Leafcup ( <i>Polymnia canadensis</i> )	Moonseed ( <i>Menispermum canadense</i> )

**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates**Cup-seed (*Calycocarpum Lyoni*)False spikenard (*Smilacina racemosa*)**Dominant Grasses**Wild chess (*Bromus purgans*)Bottle brush (*Hystrix patula*)Fescue grass (*Festuca obtusa*)*Diarrina festucoides*

70. Northwest-facing wooded slopes along Swan Creek, sec. 34, T. 26 N., R. 19 W., four miles southeast of Chadwick, Christian County.

**Dominant Trees**Black maple (*Acer nigrum*)Linden (*Tilia glabra*)Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)**Other Tree Associates**White ash (*Fraxinus americana*)Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)**Dominant Understory**Arrow-wood (*Viburnum molle*)Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)**Understory Associate**Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*)**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**Liverleaf (*Hepatica acutiloba*)Black snakeroot (*Cimicifuga racemosa*)Early meadow rue (*Thalictrum dioicum*)Leafcup (*Polymnia canadensis*)**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates**Liverleaf (*Hepatica americana*)Indian turnip (*Arisaema triphyllum*)Joe-Pye weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)Wood's hellebore (*Veratrum Woodii*)

71. North-facing limestone slopes along valley bordering Stinson Creek, near Ballinger Springs, sec. 1, T. 46 N., R. 9 W., two miles northeast of Hams Prairie, Callaway County.

**Dominant Trees**Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)Linden (*Tilia glabra*)Black maple (*Acer nigrum*)**Other Tree Associates**Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)Kentucky coffee tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)**Dominant Understory**Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)Alternate-leaved dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)**Understory Associate**Arrow-wood (*Viburnum molle*)**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**Woollen breeches (*Hydrophyllum appendiculatum*)



**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Celandine poppy ( <i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i> )	White avens ( <i>Geum canadense</i> var. <i>camporum</i> )
Goldenrod ( <i>Solidago latifolia</i> )	Wild geranium ( <i>Geranium maculatum</i> )
Clearweed ( <i>Pilea pumila</i> var. <i>Deamii</i> )	Bloodroot ( <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i> )
Narrow-leaved spleenwort ( <i>Athyrium pycnocarpon</i> )	Spiderwort ( <i>Tradescantia subaspera</i> )
Leafcup ( <i>Polymnia canadensis</i> )	Maidenhair fern ( <i>Adiantum pedatum</i> )

72. North-facing limestone bluffs with wooded talus slopes below, along Osage River, sec. 2, T. 40 N., R. 13 W., west of Capps, Miller County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
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**Other Tree Associates**

Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

American hornbeam ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )
	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )

**Other Understory Associates**

Benzoin ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
Hydrangea ( <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> )	

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

Goldenrod (*Solidago latifolia*)

73. North-facing limestone bluffs along Little Niangua River, sec. 5, T. 38 N., R. 18 W., two and one-half miles south of Barnumtown, Camden County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )— at base
Black maple ( <i>Acer nigrum</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	American hornbeam ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )
Benzoin ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	
Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Pale touch-me-not ( <i>Impatiens pallida</i> )	Leafcup ( <i>Polymnia canadensis</i> )
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**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Woollen breeches ( <i>Hydrophyllum appendiculatum</i> )	Narrow-leaved spleenwort ( <i>Athyrium pycnocarpon</i> )
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74. West-facing, wooded, limestone slope along Brushy Creek, sec. 8, T. 27 N., R. 3 E., six miles north of Ellsinore, Carter County.

#### Dominant Tree

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)

#### Other Tree Associates

Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	Mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	Slippery elm ( <i>Ulmus fulva</i> )
Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )

#### Chief Understory

Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
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#### Other Understory Associates

Possum haw ( <i>Ilex decidua</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Hackberry ( <i>Celtis laevigata</i> var. <i>texana</i> )	Eastern witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> )
Wild plum ( <i>Prunus americana</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
American hornbeam ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )
Hydrangea ( <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> )	

#### Dominant Grass-like Plant

*Carex eburnea*

#### Other Grass or Grass-like Associates

Wild chess ( <i>Bromus purgans</i> )	Fescue grass ( <i>Festuca paradoxa</i> )
Indian grass ( <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> )	Blue-stem grass ( <i>Andropogon scoparius</i> )

75. Lower portion of northeast-facing limestone slopes along St. Francis River, just west of Greenville, Wayne County.

#### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	

#### Dominant Understory

Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )
White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )
Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )
Indian cherry ( <i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i> )	Hop tree ( <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> )

#### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Liverleaf ( <i>Hepatica acutiloba</i> )	Early meadow rue ( <i>Thalictrum dioicum</i> )
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#### Dominant Grasses

Fescue grass ( <i>Festuca obtusa</i> )	Sphenopholis ( <i>Sphenopholis intermedia</i> )
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76. North-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along Brushy Creek, sec. 8, T. 27 N., R. 3 E., six miles north of Ellsinore, Carter County.

### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)

### Other Tree Associates

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )	Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )
Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
River birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )	

### Dominant Understory

Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)                      Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)

### Other Understory Associates

Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)      Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)  
Buck brush (*Symphoricarpos orbicu-  
latus*)      Button-bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)  
Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)      Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)  
Shadbush, serviceberry (*Amelanchier  
canadensis*)      Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)  
American bladdernut (*Staphylea tri-  
folia*)      Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)  
Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)      Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*)  
Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var.  
*Wardii*)      Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

**Liverleaf** (*Hepatica acutiloba*)

### Dominant Grasses

Thin grass (*Agrostis perennans*)      Fowl meadow grass (*Gluceria striata*)

77. Rich, low woods and adjacent lower limestone slopes along spring branch tributary to Current River, sec. 34, T. 25 N., R. 1 E., six miles northeast of Bennett, Ripley County.

## Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )

## Dominant Understory

Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )
Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )

78. North-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along Big Creek, sec. 18, T. 31 N., R. 2 W., three miles northeast of Rat, Shannon County.

### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      American linden (*Tilia glabra*)  
Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)

**Dominant Understory**

Eastern witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	Running strawberry-bush ( <i>Euonymus obovatus</i> )
Ohio buckeye ( <i>Aesculus glabra</i> f. <i>pallida</i> )	Bristly greenbrier ( <i>Smilax hispida</i> )
Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**Wood's hellebore (*Veratrum Woodii*)**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**

<i>Brachyelytrum erectum</i>	Sedge ( <i>Carex eburnea</i> )
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79. North-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along Bee Fork of Black River, sec. 23, T. 32 N., R. 1 W., four miles northwest of Centerville, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )

**Dominant Understory of Upper Portion**

Eastern witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Juneberry, serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	

**Dominant Understory of Lower Portion**

Leatherwood ( <i>Dirca palustris</i> )	Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )
Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**Liverleaf (*Hepatica acutiloba*)

80. East-facing limestone slopes along Brushy Creek, sec. 24, T. 33 N., R. 1 W., one mile north of Moses Store, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )
Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )	

**Tree Associate**Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)**Dominant Understory**

Eastern witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
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**Other Understory Associates**

Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Juneberry, serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )
Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	
Leatherwood ( <i>Dirca palustris</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Early meadow rue ( <i>Thalictrum dioicum</i> )	Wild ginger ( <i>Asarum canadense</i> var. <i>reflexum</i> )
Liverleaf ( <i>Hepatica acutiloba</i> )	
Black cohosh ( <i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> )	



81. West-facing, cherty limestone slopes along Otter Creek, sec. 18, T. 27 N., R. 6 E., near Taskee, Wayne County.

#### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )
Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )
Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )	Shadbush ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )
American bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )	Indian cherry ( <i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i> )
	Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )

82. Base of rich, low, wooded slopes just above alluvial woods along Gasconade River, east of Mossy Spring, sec. 2, T. 36 N., R. 11 W., seven miles northeast of Waynesville, Pulaski County.

#### Dominant Trees

Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> f. <i>latiloba</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )

#### Other Tree Associates

Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> var. <i>canina</i> )	Slippery elm ( <i>Ulmus fulva</i> )
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#### Dominant Understory

Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )
Burning bush ( <i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i> )	

#### Other Understory Associates

Moonseed ( <i>Menispermum canadense</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> )
Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	Virginia creeper ( <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> )

#### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Pale touch-me-not ( <i>Impatiens pallida</i> )	White violet ( <i>Viola striata</i> )
White crown-beard ( <i>Verbesina virginica</i> )	Wild ginger ( <i>Asarum canadense</i> var. <i>acuminatum</i> )
Clearweed ( <i>Pilea pumila</i> var. <i>Deamii</i> )	
Pokeweed ( <i>Phytolacca americana</i> )	

#### Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates

Blephilia ( <i>Blephilia hirsuta</i> )	Skullcap ( <i>Scutellaria ovata</i> )
Wood nettle ( <i>Laportea canadensis</i> )	Joe-Pye weed ( <i>Eupatorium purpureum</i> )
Yellow violet ( <i>Viola eriocarpa</i> var. <i>leiocarpa</i> )	Wild yam ( <i>Dioscorea villosa</i> )
Fragile fern ( <i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> var. <i>protrusa</i> )	Enchanter's nightshade ( <i>Circaea latifolia</i> )
Hog-peanut ( <i>Amphicarpa bracteata</i> )	Wild blue phlox ( <i>Phlox divaricata</i> var. <i>Laphamii</i> )
Fragrant bedstraw ( <i>Galium triflorum</i> )	Vervain ( <i>Verbena urticaefolia</i> )
Bloodroot ( <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i> )	

83. East-facing, cherty, limestone slopes along Ottery Creek, sec. 34, T. 34 N., R. 1 E., two miles northeast of Edgehill, Iron County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )
	Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

84. West-facing, porphyritic, trachyte slopes along Ottery Creek, sec. 26, T. 34 N., R. 1 E., three miles northeast of Edgehill, Iron County.

**Dominant Tree**

Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )
	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Hackberry ( <i>Celtis laevigata</i> var. <i>texana</i> )
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85. Limestone bluffs at mouth of spring branch of Pulltight Spring, Shannon County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
Red cedar ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> )	Schneck's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> var. <i>Schneckii</i> )
Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )	Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )

86. Rich, east-facing slopes at base of limestone bluffs along King's River, south of Prentiss Ford, sec. 24, T. 21 N., R. 25 W., five miles south of Viola, Barry County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Black locust ( <i>Robinia Pseudo-acacia</i> )	Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )
Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )

87. Limestone draw between upper part of bald knob in Hercules Game Refuge, sec. 10-11, T. 24 N., R. 18 W., two miles southwest of Hercules, Taney County.

**Dominant Trees**

- Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Schneck's red oak (*Quercus Shumardii* var. *Schneckii*)  
 Smoke tree (*Cotinus americanus*)

**Dominant Understory**

- Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)      Possum haw (*Ilex decidua*)  
 Swamp dogwood (*Cornus obliqua*)      Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius* var. *intermedius*)  
 Rough-leaved dogwood (*Cornus asperifolia*)      *Andrachne phyllanthoides*

**Other Understory Associates**

- Indian cherry (*Rhamnus caroliniana*)      Fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginica*)

88. North-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along Pomme de Terre River, three miles northeast of Elkland, Hickory County.

**Dominant Trees**

- Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)

**Dominant Understory**

- Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)      Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)

**Other Understory Associates**

- Prickly ash (*Zanthoxylum americanum*)      Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)  
 Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*)      Burning bush (*Euonymus atropurpureus*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

- Tick trefoil (*Desmodium acuminatum*)      Tall bellflower (*Campanula americana*)  
 Joe-Pye weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)      Lopseed (*Phryma leptostachya*)  
 Agrimony (*Agrimonia rostellata*)

**Dominant Grass**

*Brachyelytrum erectum*

89. Northeast-facing, wooded, limestone slopes at base of bluffs along Gasconade River, sec. 8, T. 36 N., R. 12 W., five miles northwest of Waynesville, Pulaski County.

**Dominant Trees**

- Black maple (*Acer nigrum*)      Linden (*Tilia glabra*)  
 Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)

**Dominant Understory**

- Alternate-leaved dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)      Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)

**Other Understory Associates**

- Arrow-wood (*Viburnum molle*)      Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)  
 Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)

90. North-facing, shaley, limestone slopes along Deepwater Creek, sec. 20, T. 40 N., R. 29 W., one and one-half miles southwest of Spruce, Bates County.

### Dominant Trees

Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)      Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)  
White oak (*Quercus alba*)

## Dominant Understory

Rough-leaved dogwood (*Cornus asperifolia*)      Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)  
Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)

91. Vertical, northeast-facing, limestone bluffs of Hall's Bluff, south of Davidson's Blue Spring, along Black River, sec. 4, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., four miles southeast of Mill Spring, Wayne County.

### Dominant Shrubs

Poison ivy ( <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> )	Hydrangea ( <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> )
Virginia creeper ( <i>Parthenocissus quin-</i>	Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> var.
<i>quefolia</i> )	<i>intermedius</i> )

### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants

Alum root ( <i>Heuchera parviflora</i> var. <i>Rugelii</i> )	Rock cress ( <i>Arabis laevigata</i> )
Bulblet bladder fern ( <i>Cystopteris bulbifera</i> )	Cliffbrake ( <i>Pellaea atropurpurea</i> )
Liverleaf ( <i>Hepatica acutiloba</i> )	Gray polypody ( <i>Polypodium polypodioides</i> var. <i>Michauxianum</i> )

### Dominant Grasses

Wild chess (*Bromus purgans*)                      Melic grass (*Melica mutica*)  
Bottlebrush (*Hystrix patula*)

92. North-facing, limestone slopes along Current River, sec. 3, T. 24 N., R. 1 E., five miles northeast of Bennett, Ripley County.

### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)  
Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)

## Dominant Understory

American bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)      Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)  
Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

### Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants

Wild chess (*Bromus purgans*)                      Sedge (*Carex eburnea*)

93. West-facing, limestone slopes along Coldwater Creek, sec. 15, T. 35 N., R. 8 E., five miles northeast of Womack, Sainte Genevieve County.

### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*) Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)

## Dominant Understory

### Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

94. Lower portion of north-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along spring branch of Montauk Spring, Montauk State Park, near Montauk, Dent County.



**Dominant Tree**White oak (*Quercus alba*)**Other Tree Associates**Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)Linden (*Tilia glabra*)**Dominant Understory**Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)Alternate-leaved dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)Running strawberry-bush (*Euonymus obovatus*)Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)

95. Upper portion of north-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along spring branch of Montauk Spring, Montauk State Park, near Montauk, Dent County.

**Dominant Trees**Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glacum*)**Other Tree Associates**White ash (*Fraxinus americana*)Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)**Dominant Understory**Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**Understory Associate**Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)

96. East-facing upper portion of wooded limestone slopes along Hazel Creek, sec. 14, T. 36 N., R. 1 W., one mile southwest of Palmer, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glacum*)Linden (*Tilia glabra*)Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)**Dominant Understory**Bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*)**Other Understory Associates**Rough-leaved dogwood (*Cornus asperifolia*)Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

97. Lower portion of east-facing limestone slopes along Hazel Creek, sec. 14, T. 36 N., R. 1 W., one mile southwest of Palmer, Washington County.

**Dominant Tree**American elm (*Ulmus americana*)**Dominant Understory**Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)

98. East-facing limestone slopes along Fourche à Renault Creek, sec. 15, T. 37 N., R. 1 E., one and one-half miles north of Shirley, Washington County.

#### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )

#### Other Tree Associates

Slippery elm ( <i>Ulmus fulva</i> )	Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
Red cedar ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> )	

#### Dominant Understory

Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )
Chittim-wood ( <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> )	Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )

99. Intermediate zone of east-facing limestone slopes between upper, drier, cedar-clad slopes and lower, richer soil slopes along Fourche à Renault Creek, sec. 15, T. 37 N., R. 1 E., one and one-half miles north of Shirley, Washington County.

#### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
Schneck's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> var. <i>Schneckii</i> )	Chinquapin oak ( <i>Quercus Muhlenbergii</i> )
	White ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Rough-leaved dogwood ( <i>Cornus asperifolia</i> )	Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )
Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> var. <i>intermedius</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	
Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )	

100. Upland slopes following along gravel bar of Little Fourche à Renault Creek, sec. 2, T. 37 N., R. 1 E., two miles southeast of Floyd, Washington County.

#### Dominant Trees

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
	Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

101. North-facing, wooded, limestone slopes along Big Creek, sec. 18, T. 31 N., R. 2 W., three miles northeast of Rat, Shannon County.

#### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )	Linden ( <i>Tilia glabra</i> )
	Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Eastern witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> )	Running strawberry-bush ( <i>Euonymus obovatus</i> )
Spicebush ( <i>Benzoin aestivale</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
Ohio buckeye ( <i>Aesculus glabra</i> f. <i>pallida</i> )	Bladdernut ( <i>Staphylea trifolia</i> )

102. Acid, wooded valley floor along headwaters of branch south of Enough, Iron County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Honey locust ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> )
Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Smooth alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )
Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
Ozark witch hazel ( <i>Hamamelis vernalis</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Bristly greenbrier ( <i>Smilax hispida</i> )
Juneberry, serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )	Ward's willow ( <i>Salix longipes</i> var. <i>Wardii</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	

103. Valley floor of shallow ravine along headwaters of Sinking Creek, sec. 10, T. 32 N., R. 3 W., three miles northwest of Bunker, in Dent County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
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**Other Tree Associates**

Slippery elm ( <i>Ulmus fulva</i> )	Black gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Shumard's red oak ( <i>Quercus Shumardii</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americanus</i> )
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**Other Understory Associates**

Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Smooth alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )
Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	Swamp dogwood ( <i>Cornus obliqua</i> )
Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Ward's willow ( <i>Salix longipes</i> var. <i>Wardii</i> )
Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	

104. Sandy, alluvial woods along Marble Creek opposite limestone bluffs, sec. 21, T. 32 N., R. 5 E., two and one-half miles southwest of French Mills, Madison County.

**Dominant Trees**

Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
 Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)  
 Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var.  
*glaucum*)  
 White oak (*Quercus alba*)

Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)  
 Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)  
 Chinquapin oak (*Quercus Muhlenbergii*)

**Dominant Understory**

Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*)  
 Chittim-wood (*Bumelia lanuginosa*)  
 Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)

Indian cherry (*Rhamnus caroliniana*  
 var. *mollis*)

**III. QUERCUS-CARYA ASSOCIATION****(2) Quercus marilandica-Quercus stellata Associates**

105. Upland, level, wooded ridge top between highway No. 32 and Dillard, Crawford County.

**Dominant Trees**

Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)

Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)

**Other Tree Associates**

White oak (*Quercus alba*)

Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)

106. West-facing, upland, granite glade at Granite Bend, sec. 10, T. 27 N., R. 4 E., five miles northwest of Williamsville, Wayne County.

**Dominant Trees**

Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)  
 Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)  
 Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)

Ozark pignut hickory (*Carya Buckleyi*  
 var. *arkansana*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

*Crotonopsis elliptica*  
 False aloë (*Agave virginica*)

Rock pink (*Talinum calycinum*)

**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**

Wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*)  
 Panic grass (*Panicum linearifolium*)

Slender fescue grass (*Festuca octoflora*)  
*Cyperus filiculmis* var. *macilentus*

**(3) Quercus velutina-Carya Buckleyi var. arkansana Associates**

107. Upper valley wooded portion of Stilwell Hollow, in Low Gap Game Refuge, sec. 12, T. 32 N., R. 1 E., southeast of Black U. S. Lookout, four miles southwest of Black, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)  
 White oak (*Quercus alba*)

Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)  
 Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)

**Dominant Understory**

Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)



108. Upland oak-hickory woods in grazing plot southwest of Bunker CCC camp F-7, sec. 3, T. 33 N., R. 3 W., five miles northwest of Bunker, in Dent County.

#### Dominant Trees

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Black gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )	Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )
Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )
Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )	

#### Dominant Understory

Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )	Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )
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#### Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants

Wild oats grass ( <i>Danthonia spicata</i> )	Panic grass ( <i>Panicum dichotomum</i> )
Panic grass ( <i>Panicum lanuginosum</i> var. <i>fasciculatum</i> )	Panic grass ( <i>Panicum lanuginosum</i> var. <i>Lindheimeri</i> )
Panic grass ( <i>Panicum linearifolium</i> )	Blue-stem ( <i>Andropogon scoparius</i> var. <i>genuinus</i> )
Panic grass ( <i>Panicum Boscii</i> )	
Sedge ( <i>Carex cephalophora</i> )	

109. Level, upland, oak woods two miles northwest of Bunker CCC camp F-7, sec. 32, T. 33 N., R. 3 W., seven miles northwest of Bunker, in Dent County.

#### Dominant Trees

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )
Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )	

#### Other Tree Associates

Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )
	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )

#### Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant

Bush clover (*Lespedeza procumbens*)

#### Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants

Wild oats grass ( <i>Danthonia spicata</i> )	Sedge ( <i>Carex artilecta</i> )
Sedge ( <i>Carex retroflexa</i> )	

110. Upland cherty woods, sec. 7, T. 25 N., R. 4 E., 10 miles southeast of Ellsinore, Carter County.

#### Dominant Trees

Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )	Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )
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#### Other Tree Associates

Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )	Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )
Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> )	
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)      Dwarf sumac (*Rhus Copallina*)

**Understory Associate**

Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Cinquefoil (*Potentilla simplex*)      Bush clover (*Lespedeza procumbens*)  
Goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)      Pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)  
Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)

**Herbaceous Non-Grass Associate**

Forked chickweed (*Paronychia fastigiata* var. *typica*)

**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**

Sedge (*Carex hirsutella*)      Wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*)

**Grass Associate**

Hair grass (*Agrostis hyemalis*)

111. Upland oak-hickory woods, sec. 20 and 21, T. 26 N., R. 7 E., three miles north of Rombauer, Butler County.

**Dominant Trees**

Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)      Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)  
Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)      Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)  
Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)      Mockernut hickory (*Carya Buckleyi* var. *arkansana*)  
Southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*)  
Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)

**Dominant Understory**

Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)      Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)  
Dwarf sumac (*Rhus Copallina*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)      Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)  
Cinquefoil (*Potentilla simplex*)      Pinweed (*Lechea villosa*)  
Goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)      Bush clover (*Lespedeza repens*)  
Pencil flower (*Stylosanthes biflora* var. *hispidissima*)      Bergamot (*Monarda Bradburiana*)  
Sensitive pea (*Cassia nictitans*)      Bastard toadflax (*Comandra Richard-siana*)  
Field goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*)      Wild aster (*Aster patens*)  
Bush clover (*Lespedeza procumbens*)      Brown-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)  
Tick trefoil (*Desmodium obtusum*)

**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**

Wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*)      Spheopholis (*Sphenopholis nitida*)  
Beard grass (*Andropogon virginicus* var. *genuinus*)      Paspalum (*Paspalum ciliatifolium* var. *Muhlenbergii*)

112. Upper, cherty slopes above limestone bluffs along Hazel Creek, sec. 14, T. 36 N., R. 1 W., one mile southwest of Palmer, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)  
White oak (*Quercus alba*)

**Other Tree Associates**

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| Black gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> ) | Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )                         |
|  | Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> ) |

113. West-facing, porphyritic trachyte slopes of Johnson Mountain, sec. 24, T. 35 N., R. 1 E., two miles south of Peoria, Iron County.

**Dominant Trees**

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| Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> ) | Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )       |
| Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )                                 | Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> ) |

**Dominant Understory**

Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)

**Other Understory Associates**

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|--|---|
| Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )                              | High-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium</i> <i>stamineum</i> ) |
| Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> ) |   |

114. Porphyritic trachyte outcrops on top of Johnson Mountain, sec. 24, T. 35 N., R. 1 E., two miles south of Peoria, Iron County.

**Dominant Trees**

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| Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> ) | Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> ) |
| Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )                            |  |

**Dominant Understory**

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| Winged sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> ) | Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> ) |
| Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )    |  |

**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**

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|---|---|
| Big blue-stem ( <i>Andropogon provincialis</i> )              | Panic grass ( <i>Panicum lanuginosum</i> var. <i>fasciculatum</i> ) |
| Fescue grass ( <i>Festuca octoflora</i> var. <i>tenella</i> ) | Sedge ( <i>Carex artilecta</i> )                                    |

115. Upland, level, oak woods near Dillard, Crawford County.

**Dominant Trees**

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|---|---|
| Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> ) | Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> ) |
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**Other Tree Associates**

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| White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> ) | Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> ) |
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**Dominant Understory**

Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)

116. Cherty upper slope south of Black, sec. 33, T. 33 N., R. 1 E., Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**

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| Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )   | Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> ) |
| White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )       | Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )      |
| Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> ) | Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )          |

**Dominant Understory**

Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )	Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )
Winged sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )	Bristly greenbrier ( <i>Smilax hispida</i> )
	Dewberry ( <i>Rubus flagellaris</i> )

117. Upper south-facing portion near top of Little Pilot Knob, sec. 36, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., three miles northwest of Floyd, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )	Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )
	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )
	Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

High-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium stamineum</i> var. <i>neglectum</i> )	Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )
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118. Porphyritic trachyte soil on top of Little Pilot Knob, sec. 36, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., three miles northwest of Floyd, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )
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**Other Tree Associates**

Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )
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**Dominant Understory**

Smooth sumac (*Rhus glabra*)

119. Upper east-facing portion near top of Little Pilot Knob, sec. 36, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., three miles northwest of Floyd, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )
Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )	Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Juneberry, serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )	New Jersey tea ( <i>Ceanothus americanus</i> )
	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )

120. Upland oak-hickory woods, sec. 20 and 21, T. 26 N., R. 7 E., three miles northwest of Rombauer, Butler County.

**Dominant Trees**

Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )	Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Ozark hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )
Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )
Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )	



**Dominant Understory**Farkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum* var. *glaucescens*)

121. South-facing wooded slopes by headwaters of Meramec River along dry bed of river, sec. 14, T. 33 N., R. 4 W., two miles southeast of Max, Dent County.

**Dominant Trees**

Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )	Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> )
Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )
	Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )

122. North-facing wooded slopes by headwaters of Meramec River along dry bed of river, sec. 14, T. 33 N., R. 4 W., two miles southeast of Max, Dent County.

**Dominant Trees**

Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )
	Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )

**IV. QUERCUS-PINUS ECHINATA ASSOCIATION**

(2b) *Quercus marilandica*-*Quercus stellata*-*Pinus echinata* Associates

123. Woods off North Fork Hollow, near Cane Creek, sec. 8, T. 26 N., R. 4 E., six miles east of Ellsinore, south of Upalika, near Wayne County line, in Butler County.

**Dominant Tree**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)**Subdominant Trees**

Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )	Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> )
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**Chief Understory**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> f. <i>latiloba</i> )	Ozark hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )
Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )	
Winged sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )	Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )
Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )	Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )
Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Pussy toes ( <i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i> )	Bush clover ( <i>Lespedeza repens</i> )
Bush clover ( <i>Lespedeza procumbens</i> )	

**Dominant Grass**Wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*)

123a. Pine stand on southeast-facing portion of porphyritic trachyte slopes of Little Pilot Knob, sec. 36, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., three miles northwest of Floyd, Washington County.

**Dominant Tree**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)**Tree Associate**Ozark pignut hickory (*Carya Buckleyi* var. *arkansana*)**Dominant Understory**Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)Pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)Aster (*Aster patens*)**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**Panic grass (*Panicum lanuginosum* var.Sedge (*Carex artilecta*)*fasciculatum*)Wild oats grass (*Danthonia spicata*)Sedge (*Carex hirsutella*)**(2c) Mixed Oak-Hickory-Pine Associes**

124. Upper wooded ravine slopes of Stilwell Hollow, in Low Gap Game Refuge, sec. 12, T. 32 N., R. 1 E., southeast of Black U. S. Lookout, four miles southwest of Black, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)**Other Tree Associates**Ozark pignut hickory (*Carya Buckleyi* var. *arkansana*)Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)**Dominant Grass**Wild chess (*Bromus purgans*)

125. Upland cherty ridge near Cornwall, Madison County.

**Dominant Trees**Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)White oak (*Quercus alba*)Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)**Other Tree Associates**Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)Ozark pignut hickory (*Carya Buckleyi* var. *arkansana*)Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)

126. Upper, cherty, west-facing slopes along Eleven Points River, sec. 11, T. 24 N., R. 3 W., one mile southeast of Turner's Mill, four miles southwest of Wilderness, Oregon County.

**Dominant Trees**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)White oak (*Quercus alba*)Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)**Dominant Understory**Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**Goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)**Dominant Grass**Panic grass (*Panicum dichotomum*)

127. Upper, west-facing, cherty slopes, sec. 7, T. 25 N., R. 4 E.,  
10 miles southeast of Ellsinore, Carter County.

**Dominant Tree**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)**Other Tree Associates**White oak (*Quercus alba*)Ozark pignut hickory (*Carya Buckleyi*Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)var. *arkansana*)Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)**Dominant Understory**Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)Goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)Bush clover (*Lespedeza hirta*)**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**Sedge (*Carex hirsutella*)Panic grass (*Panicum dichotomum*)

128. Upland, cherty, sandstone area, sec. 22, T. 26 N., R. 3 E.,  
three miles south of Ellsinore, Carter County.

**Dominant Trees**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)Ozark hickory (*Carya Buckleyi* var.Spanish oak (*Quercus falcata*)*arkansana*)Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)**Dominant Understory**Winged sumac (*Rhus Copallina*)Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)Catgut, goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)Pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)Bush clover (*Lespedeza repens*)Bush clover (*Lespedeza procumbens*)

129. Cherty, steep exposures above bluffs along Huzzah Creek,  
two miles southeast of Davisville, Crawford County.

**Dominant Trees**Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var.Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)*maxima*)Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)**Tree Associate**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)

**Dominant Understory**Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)**Understory Associate**Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)

130. Cherty slopes along Stilwell Hollow, Low Gap Game Refuge, southeast of Black U. S. Lookout, sec. 12, T. 32 N., R. 1 E., four miles southwest of Black, Reynolds County.

**Dominant Trees**Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)**Other Tree Associates**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)

131. Cherty ridge top above limestone slopes along Fourche à Renault Creek, sec. 15, T. 37 N., R. 1 E., one and one-half miles north of Shirley, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*)Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)White oak (*Quercus alba*)Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)**Dominant Understory**High-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium  
stamineum* var. *neglectum*)Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)Winged sumac (*Rhus Copallina*)

132. East-facing cherty slopes above limestone bluffs along Brazil Creek, sec. 28, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., six miles northeast of Berryman, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*)**Dominant Understory**High-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium stamineum* var. *neglectum*)

133. Cherty slopes along Coldwater Creek, sec. 33, T. 35 N., R. 8 E., three miles northeast of Womack, St. Francois County.

**Dominant Trees**White oak (*Quercus alba*)Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)**Other Tree Associates**Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)Black jack oak (*Quercus marilandica*)Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)



**Dominant Understory**

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| Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )                             | Farkleberry ( <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> var. <i>glaucescens</i> )        |
| Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )                  |  |
| Azalea ( <i>Rhododendron nudiflorum</i> var. <i>roseum</i> ) | Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> ) |
| Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )     |  |

134. Upland, level, wooded tract, just east of Bardley CCC camp, sec. 23, T. 24 N., R. 2 W., one and one-half miles west of Pine, in Ripley County.

**Dominant Trees**

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|---|---|
| Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> ) | Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> ) |
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**Other Tree Associates**

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| Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> ) | Southern red oak ( <i>Quercus falcata</i> )                          |
| Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )        | Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> ) |
| Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )           |  |
| White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )              |  |

**Dominant Understory**

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Dwarf sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> ) | New Jersey tea ( <i>Ceanothus americanus</i> ) |
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**Other Understory Associates**

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| Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )   | Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )                         |
| High-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium stamineum</i> var. <i>neglectum</i> ) | Dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )                           |
| Summer grape ( <i>Vitis aestivalis</i> )                                   | Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> ) |

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

- Bush clover (*Lespedeza procumbens*)

**Dominant Grasses**

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| Panic grass ( <i>Panicum dichotomum</i> )    | Panic grass ( <i>Panicum Boscii</i> ) |
| Panic grass ( <i>Panicum sphaerocarpon</i> ) |                                       |

135. Ridge top in sec. 30, T. 26 N., R. 4 E., six miles southeast of Ellsinore, in Carter County.

**Dominant Trees**

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| Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> ) | Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> ) |
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**Other Tree Associates**

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|---|---|
| Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )         | Pignut hickory ( <i>Carya ovalis</i> var. <i>obovalis</i> ) |
| Spanish oak ( <i>Quercus falcata</i> )        |   |
| White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )             | Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> ) |
| Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )          |   |
| Black jack oak ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> ) |   |

**Chief Understory**

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|---|---|
| Winged sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )                            | Catbrier ( <i>Smilax glauca</i> var. <i>leurophylla</i> ) |
| Farkleberry ( <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> var. <i>glaucescens</i> ) |   |

**Other Understory Associates**

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|--|---|
| Staghorn sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )    | Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> ) |
| Fragrant sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> ) | Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )   |

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Pinweed ( <i>Lechea tenuifolia</i> )	Horsemint ( <i>Monarda Bradburiana</i> )
Cinquefoil ( <i>Potentilla simplex</i> var. <i>typica</i> )	Pennyroyal ( <i>Hedeoma pulegioides</i> )
	Dittany ( <i>Cunila origanoides</i> )

**Other Herbaceous Associates**

Bush clover ( <i>Lespedeza procumbens</i> )	Bush clover ( <i>Lespedeza repens</i> )
Bush clover ( <i>Lespedeza virginica</i> )	Forked chickweed ( <i>Paronychia fastigiata</i> var. <i>typica</i> )
Sweet everlasting ( <i>Gnaphalium obtusifolium</i> )	Fleabane ( <i>Erigeron ramosus</i> )

**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**

Panic grass ( <i>Panicum lanuginosum</i> var. <i>fasciculatum</i> )	Panic grass ( <i>Panicum dichotomum</i> )
	Rush ( <i>Juncus macer</i> )

**Other Grasses and Grass-like Associates**

Poverty grass ( <i>Aristida dichotoma</i> )	Sedge ( <i>Carex hirsutella</i> )
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136. West-facing, cherty, limestone slopes along Fourche à Renault Creek, sec. 15, T. 37 N., R. 1 E., one and one-half miles north of Shirley, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**

Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> )	Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )	Black gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )	
Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Farkleberry ( <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> var. <i>glaucescens</i> )	Winged sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )
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**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Dittany ( <i>Cunila origanoides</i> )	Pussy toes ( <i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i> )
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**Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants**

Blue-stem ( <i>Andropogon scoparius</i> var. <i>genuinus</i> )	Wild oats grass ( <i>Danthonia spicata</i> )
Sedge ( <i>Carex artilecta</i> )	Broom sedge ( <i>Andropogon virginicus</i> var. <i>genuinus</i> )

137. South and southeast-facing, porphyritic trachyte slopes of Johnson Mountain, sec. 24, T. 35 N., R. 1 E., two miles south of Peoria, Iron County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )
Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )
Black gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )
Post oak ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium</i>
Farkleberry ( <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> var. <i>glaucescens</i> )	<i>vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )
	Winged sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )

**V. QUERCUS ALBA-ACER RUBRUM ASSOCIATION****(1) *Cornus florida*-*Nyssa sylvatica* Associes**

138. Gravelly draw in upland, level woods around Little Scotia Pond, sec. 25-26, T. 33 N., R. 4 W., four miles east of Turtle, Dent County.

**Dominant Trees**

Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
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**Dominant Understory**

Farkleberry ( <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> var. <i>glaucescens</i> )	Shrubby St. John's-wort ( <i>Hypericum prolificum</i> )
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**(2) *Acer rubrum*-*Carya tomentosa* Associes**

139. Cherty upper slopes overlying cherty acid soil between Saunders and Pine Ridge, Christian County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )
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**Tree Associate**

Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)

**Dominant Understory**

Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Wild rose ( <i>Rosa carolina</i> )	Wild rose ( <i>Rosa subserulata</i> )
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**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant**

Flowering spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)

**Dominant Grass**

Broom sedge (*Andropogon virginicus* var. *genuinus*)

140. North-facing, porphyritic trachyte slopes of Johnson Mountain, sec. 24, T. 35 N., R. 1 E., two miles south of Peoria, Iron County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Black gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )
Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

141. Lower cherty slopes of Stilwell Hollow, Low Gap Game Refuge, southeast of Black U. S. Lookout, sec. 12, T. 32 N., R. 1 E., four miles southwest of Black, Reynolds County.

#### Dominant Trees

Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)      Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)

#### Dominant Understory

Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Smooth sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )
Serviceberry, Juneberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )	Winged sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )
Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )	High-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium stamineum</i> var. <i>neglectum</i> )
Wild honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera flava</i> )	Farkleberry ( <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> var. <i>glaucescens</i> )

142. Slight draw on upper south-facing portion of porphyritic trachyte slopes of Little Pilot Knob, sec. 36, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., three miles northwest of Floyd, Washington County.

#### Dominant Trees

Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> )
Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )

### (3) *Quercus alba*—*Acer rubrum* Associes

143. Draw in ravine in pine-oak woods south of Bunker CCC camp F-7, sec. 3, T. 32 N., R. 3 W., five miles northwest of Bunker, near Reynolds County line, in Dent County.

#### Dominant Trees

Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Ozark pignut hickory ( <i>Carya Buckleyi</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )
Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )

#### Dominant Understory

Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Dwarf sumac ( <i>Rhus Copallina</i> )	

144. Cherty, sandstone, shallow slopes along headwaters of Big Creek, sec. 10, T. 31 N., R. 3 W., south of Bunker U. S. Lookout, five miles southwest of Bunker, in Shannon County.

#### Dominant Trees

Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )	Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	

#### Other Tree Associates

Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )	Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )
Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> )	Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )	
Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )	



**Dominant Understory**

Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*)      Buck brush (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)      Juneberry, serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)  
 Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)      Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)

145. Cherty, upper, south-facing slopes along Big Barren Creek, sec. 4, T. 25 N., R. 1 W., three miles southwest of Eastwood, 10 miles northwest of Bennett, Carter County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak (*Quercus alba*)      Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)  
 Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)  
 Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Post oak (*Quercus stellata*)      Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

**Dominant Understory**

Shadbush (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)      High-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium stamineum* var. *neglectum*)  
 Dwarf sumac (*Rhus Copallina*)  
 Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)      Farkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum* var. *glaucescens*)  
 Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)      Tick trefoil (*Desmodium rotundifolium*)  
 Bracken fern (*Pteridium latiusculum* var. *pseudocaudatum*)      Goat's rue (*Tephrosia virginiana*)  
 Bush clover (*Lespedeza hirta*)      Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)  
 Tick trefoil (*Desmodium marilandicum*)

**Dominant Grass**

Fescue grass (*Festuca paradoxa*)

146. Cherty slopes along headwaters of Big Creek, sec. 5, T. 31 N., R. 3 W., two miles south of Melton, Shannon County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak (*Quercus alba*)      Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)      Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)  
 Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)      Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)

147. Wooded, north-facing, cherty slopes along Eleven Points River between mouth of White's Creek and Bliss Spring, sec. 7, T. 24 N., R. 2 W., two and one-half miles southwest of Wilderness, Oregon County.

**Dominant Trees**

- Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)      White oak (*Quercus alba*)  
 Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)      Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

**Other Tree Associates**

- Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)      Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)  
 Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)      Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)  
 Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)      Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)  
 Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)  
 Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)

**Dominant Understory**

- Pink azalea (*Rhododendron nudiflorum* var. *roseum*)      Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)  
 Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)      Smooth sumac (*Rhus glabra*)  
 Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)      Rough-leaved dogwood (*Cornus asperifolia*)  
 Shadbush (*Amelanchier canadensis*)      Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)  
 Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)

148. Cherty slopes south of Rockhouse Spring, sec. 33, T. 23 N., R. 26 W., two miles west of Lohmer, Barry County.

**Dominant Trees**

- Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)      Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)  
 White oak (*Quercus alba*)      Chinquapin (*Castanea ozarkensis*)  
 Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)

**Other Tree Associates**

- Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)      Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)

**Dominant Understory**

- Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)      Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)  
 Juneberry, serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

**Other Understory Associates**

- High-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium stamineum*)      Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)

**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

- Bracken (*Pteridium latiusculum* var. *pseudocaudatum*)      Pussy toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)  
 Dittany (*Cunila origanoides*)      Horsemint (*Monarda Bradburiana*)

**Other Herbaceous Non-Grass Plant Associates**

- Dwarf dandelion (*Krigia biflora*)      Bush clover (*Lespedeza procumbens*)  
 Bedstraw (*Galium arkansanum*)      Lead plant (*Amorpha canescens* f. *glabrata*)  
 Rue anemone (*Anemonella thalictroides*)      Bracted wild indigo (*Baptisia leucophaea*)  
 Tick trefoil (*Desmodium rotundifolium*)      Flowering spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)  
 Tick trefoil (*Desmodium Dillenii*)  
 Bush clover (*Lespedeza hirta*)  
 Black cohosh (*Cimicifuga racemosa*)

**Dominant Grass-like Plant**

- Sedge (*Carex cephalophora*)

149. Northwest-facing, cherty, sandstone, wooded slopes along Little Sinking Creek, sec. 26, T. 32 N., R. 3 W., two miles southwest of Bunker, Dent County.

#### Dominant Trees

Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)      Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)

#### Other Tree Associates

Black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)      White oak (*Quercus alba*)

#### Dominant Understory

Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)      Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)  
Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)

150. Cherty ravine floor and adjacent lower slopes in Stilwell Hollow, Low Gap Game Refuge, southeast of Black U. S. Lookout, sec. 12, T. 32 N., R. 1 E., four miles southwest of Black, Reynolds County.

#### Dominant Trees

White oak (*Quercus alba*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)  
Black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)

#### Other Tree Associates

Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*)      Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)  
Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)      Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)  
Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)      Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)  
Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)      Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)  
Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)      Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)

#### Dominant Understory

Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)      Low-bush huckleberry (*Vaccinium vacillans* var. *crinitum*)  
Serviceberry, Juneberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)      Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)  
Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)      Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)  
Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)      Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
Black haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)      Alternate-leaved dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)  
Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*)      Climbing rose (*Rosa setigera* var. *tomentosa*)  
Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)

#### Dominant Grasses and Grass-like Plants

Panic grass (*Panicum Boscii*)      Panic grass (*Panicum lanuginosum* var. *Lindheimeri*)  
Panic grass (*Panicum xalapense*)      Sedge (*Carex cephalophora*)  
Panic grass (*Panicum dichotomum*)

151. Woods along headwaters of Big Creek, sec. 5, T. 31 N., R. 3 W., two miles south of Melton, Shannon County.

#### Dominant Trees

Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)      White oak (*Quercus alba*)

**Other Tree Associates**

Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )
Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )	Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> )

**Dominant Understory**

Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*; along stream bed)

**Other Understory Associates**

Juneberry, serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )	Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )
Buck brush ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
	Winter grape ( <i>Vitis cinerea</i> )

152. Cherty quartzitic slopes of ravine tributary to Huzzah Creek, two miles southeast of Davisville, Crawford County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

Winged elm ( <i>Ulmus alata</i> )	Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )
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**Dominant Understory**

Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

**Other Understory Associates**

Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )	Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )
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**Dominant Herbaceous Non-Grass Plants**

Dittany ( <i>Cunila origanoides</i> )	Bedstraw ( <i>Galium arkansanum</i> )
Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera flava</i> )	

153. Gravelly wash in draw in upland off North Fork Hollow, near Cane Creek, sec. 8, T. 26 N., R. 4 E., six miles east of Ellsinore, south of Upalika, near Wayne County line, in Butler County.

**Dominant Trees**

Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )
	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )

**Other Tree Associates**

Mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )	

**Chief Understory**

Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	Prairie willow ( <i>Salix humilis</i> )
Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Shrubby St. John's-wort ( <i>Hypericum prolificum</i> )
Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	
Possum haw ( <i>Ilex decidua</i> )	

154. Small gravel wash along slight gradient of ravine slope, near Cane Creek, sec. 8, T. 26 N., R. 4 E., six miles east of Ellsinore, south of Upalika, near Wayne County line, in Butler County.



**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )
Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	

**Other Tree Associates**

Shingle oak ( <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
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**Dominant Understory**

Possum haw, deciduous holly ( <i>Ilex decidua</i> )	Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )
Dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Black haw ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )
Prairie willow ( <i>Salix humilis</i> )	Red mulberry ( <i>Morus rubra</i> )

155. Lamotte sandstone bluffs along Pickle Creek, Pickle Springs, sec. 20, T. 36 N., R. 7 E., six miles northwest of Coffman, Sainte Genevieve County.

**Dominant Trees**

Scarlet oak ( <i>Quercus coccinea</i> )	Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )
White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )
Southern yellow pine ( <i>Pinus echinata</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**

Farkleberry ( <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> var. <i>glaucescens</i> )	Greenbrier ( <i>Smilax glauca</i> var. <i>leurophylla</i> )
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156. Lamotte sandstone ravine along Pickle Creek, Pickle Springs, sec. 29, T. 36 N., R. 7 E., six miles northwest of Coffman, Sainte Genevieve County.

**Dominant Trees**

Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )
Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i> )	Black oak ( <i>Quercus velutina</i> )
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus borealis</i> var. <i>maxima</i> )	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras albidum</i> var. <i>molle</i> )
	Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )
	Mockernut hickory ( <i>Carya tomentosa</i> )

**Dominant Shrubs**

Flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	Greenbrier ( <i>Smilax glauca</i> var. <i>leurophylla</i> )
Juneberry, serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )	Smooth alder ( <i>Alnus rugosa</i> )
Hop hornbeam ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )	Low-bush huckleberry ( <i>Vaccinium vacillans</i> var. <i>crinitum</i> )
Ironwood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )	

157. Ravine bottom woods along Coldwater Creek, sec. 33, T. 35 N., R. 8 E., three miles northeast of Womack, St. Francois County.

**Dominant Trees**

White oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )
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**Other Tree Associates**

Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )
Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	Sour gum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> )
Shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )	

**Dominant Understory**Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)**Other Understory Associates**Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*)Ward's willow (*Salix longipes* var.Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

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158. Wooded floor of ravine tributary to headwaters of Brazil Creek, sec. 28, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., six miles northeast of Berryman, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**White oak (*Quercus alba*)Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)**Dominant Understory**Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)

159. Slight draw on upper east-facing portion of porphyritic trachyte slopes of Little Pilot Knob, sec. 36, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., three miles northwest of Floyd, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var.Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum* var. *molle*)*maxima*)Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)Black oak (*Quercus velutina*)Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)**Dominant Understory**Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

160. Cherty slopes along Little Fourche à Renault Creek, sec. 2, T. 37 N., R. 1 E., two miles southeast of Floyd, Washington County.

**Dominant Trees**Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)White oak (*Quercus alba*)Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)**Dominant Understory**Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)**SUBCLIMAX STAGE C*****Ulmus americana* Subclimax**

161. Upper, cherty portion of northeast-facing limestone slopes along St. Francis River, just west of Greenville, Wayne County.

**Dominant Trees**American elm (*Ulmus americana*)Slippery elm (*Ulmus fulva*)**Dominant Understory**Shadbush, serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)

## MIXED ASSOCIATIONS WHERE ONE HAS PENETRATED AND INTERGRADED INTO ANOTHER

162. Porphyritic trachyte "shut-in" along Marble Creek, sec. 21, T. 32 N., R. 5 E., two and one-half miles southwest of French Mills, Madison County.

### Dominant Trees

Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)                      White oak (*Quercus alba*)  
Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

### Other Tree Associates

Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)      River birch (*Betula nigra*)  
Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)      Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)  
Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)      American elm (*Ulmus americana*)  
Mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)      Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)

### Dominant Understory

Ozark witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*)      Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)  
Smooth alder (*Alnus rugosa*)      Greenbrier (*Smilax glauca* var. *leurophylla*)  
Swamp dogwood (*Cornus obliqua*)  
Greenbrier (*Smilax Bona-nox*)

163. Porphyritic trachyte slopes along St. Francis River, sec. 10, T. 32 N., R. 5 E., two miles north of French Mills, Madison County.

### Dominant Trees

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)  
Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)      Linden (*Tilia glabra*)  
Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)      Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)  
Sweet gum (*Liquidambar Styraciflua*)      White oak (*Quercus alba*)  
Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)

### Dominant Understory

Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)      Hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)  
Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)      Bristly greenbrier (*Smilax hispida*)  
Ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)      Greenbrier (*Smilax Bona-nox*)

164. Porphyritic trachyte slopes along "shut-in" of Telleck Branch, sec. 23, T. 35 N., R. 1 E., three and one-half miles northwest of Shepherd, Iron County.

### Dominant Trees

Southern yellow pine (*Pinus echinata*)      Northern red oak (*Quercus borealis* var. *maxima*)  
Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)      Black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica* var. *caroliniana*)  
Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* var. *glaucum*)      Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)  
White oak (*Quercus alba*)      Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)  
Winged elm (*Ulmus alata*)

### Dominant Understory

Indian cherry (*Rhamnus caroliniana*)

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